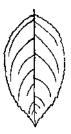
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Depending on the variety, the leaves are 2-3 inches long, 2-1 inches wide with a wavy toothed edge. Unlike the crabapple the leaves are not coarsely saw-toothed.

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The flowers identify the tree as a member of the rose family: they have five white, rounded petals with a bright yellow stamen. The fruit of all sizes can be green, yellow, red or a mix of colors.

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The steel-gray bark is characteristically scaled or plated. The tree has a short muscular trunk and ordinarily grows in a stubby, compact fashion no more than 40 feet.

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Jonathan Chapman (1774-1845), known better today as Johnny Appleseed, is well known for his efforts at distributing the seeds from Pennsylvania to Illinois. The source of the seeds was the occasional cider press along the way.

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