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The leaves are ordinarily 2-3 inches long and coarsely sawtoothed, sometimes even lobed. The mid vein is often quite pronounced. The regular Apple has a more regular, unlobed, leaf.

Malus coronaria

Crab Apple

Garland Tree

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Like other members of the rose family the flowers bear five petals, from white to pink to red, with contrasting yellow stamen in the center. The fruit vary from yellow to maroon, and from the size of a cherry to that of a small apple.

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The bark and twigs are reddish brown, and the short trunk develops fissures and scales. The tree is usually short with stout branches.

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Seen in full bloom it is clear how the name Garland Tree applies. A popular suburban ornamental there are a large number of varieties and cultivars, each emphasizing a different aspect of shape or color.

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