

# URBAN TREES

## THUNDERCHILD CRABAPPLE

*Malis 'Thunderchild'*



<b>MATURE HEIGHT</b>	15 to 20 feet (4 to 5 metres)
<b>MATURE SPREAD</b>	12 to 15 feet (3 to 5 metres)
<b>LIFESPAN</b>	<b>50 years</b> (under optimal conditions)
<b>GROWTH RATE</b>	Medium
<b>SUN</b>	<b>Full Sun</b>
<b>HARDINESS ZONE</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>WATER REQUIREMENTS</b>	Medium
<b>SOIL TYPE</b>	Prefers moist, well-drained soil Not particular to soil type or pH
<b>FIRE SMART</b>	Yes
<b>POLLUTION TOLERANT</b>	Yes (highly tolerant)
<b>USAGE</b>	Ornamental accent or boulevard

### PROS

- Soft pink buds that open to white flowers, followed by dark red edible fruit that tends to cling to tree over winter. Leaves emerge green, turning to rich purple and changing to a bronzy colour in fall. Heat tolerant. Resistant to fire blight.

### CONS

- Small fruit can be messy.

### Resources

Town of Turner Valley – Tree Guide – Species and Care Information. [turnervalley.ca](http://turnervalley.ca)

University of Saskatchewan

<https://conferences.usask.ca/horticulture100years/news/2021/01january/percy-wright-thunderchild-flowering-crab-apple.php>

