



Crabapple. *Malus baccata mandschurica*.

This crabapple is common in the hills of Manchuria and Eastern Siberia where the thermometer often drops to -45° Fahr. It is remarkably hardy, drouth-resistant and of vigorous growth. The fruits are very small, of sharp sour taste and borne in great masses. The plant often attains the size of a bush only but in favorable localities it grows into a tree 20 to 25 feet tall. The fruits are used as preserves by the inhabitants of Eastern Siberia. Of value as a hardy stock for apples, as an ornamental, and as a fruit tree for the Upper Mississippi Valley regions. Photographed by R. L. Beagles, Chico, Calif., July 24, 1915. No. 546.