



Western Crabapple

Malus fusca

Rose Family (*Rosaceae*)

General Description: Small tree with multiple trunks, up to 30ft tall with a rounded crown.

Key Characteristics: Red-brown bark fissured. Slender stiff limbs with spur-like thorns and small, red lenticels on younger twigs. Alternate, egg shaped buds 3/8 - 1/4 inch long, with terminal bud longer than lateral buds. Narrowly crescent shaped leaf scars with three bundle scars. Small remnant fruit present on some.

Confused With: Black hawthorn but western crabapple has blunt spurs as opposed to stout thorns, and different bud shape.

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