

Columbia

*Accession Number:*

*Parentage:*

baccata x Broad Green

*Released by:*

Dr. W.M. Saunders, Dominion Experimental Farm Service, Ottawa, ON.

*Date:*

1911

*Notes:*

Fruit 3-4cm pale green, well washed with red. thick skin, yield fair, quality good. Late ripening. Used as a rootstock for prairies. Jelly. Ornamental. Not good as a stem builder due to tendency to split. One of the best and hardiest of the original Saunders hybrids. Manchester notes ••• "Frts highly frost resistant. Dependably hardy and disease resistant. Still well worth growing in home gardens. Excellent juice and jelly canned and sauce, but too sour for eating raw" Recommended by [Robert Erskine](#), Rocky Mountain House AB. [FB1. H1.](#)

[-Edible Apples in Prairie Canada](#)

Tree strong grower, extra hardy, comparatively free from fire blight. Fruit to 1 4/5 inches, conic, ribbed pale green well washed red, some stripes of dark red; flesh yellowish, juicy, sub-acid, slightly astringent; quality fair; season late September and October. Columbia seedlings are vigorous, even, and valuable as rootstocks.

[-Tree Fruits Grown in Prairie Orchards, Leslie, 1946](#)

Originated at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa, Agriculture Canada, by Dr. Charles Saunders, . The tree is very vigorous, tall, and rounded, very productive. It is hardy to Zone 1, and resistant to fire blight. The fruit is 3.5 cm (1 1/4 - 1 2" ) in diameter, near round to conic, ribbed, and matures in late September. The skin is thick, pale green and well washed and striped with deep red.. The flesh is yellowish, fine, acid and astringent. It is poor for fresh eating, and only fair for canning, and stores for 5 weeks. Resistant to fire blight and very hardy. *Note: Columbia seedlings are vigorous , even, very hardy and therefore excellent for rootstock, which is its only use today.*

[-Prairie Apple Cultivars, Peters](#)