

Dawn

Accession Number:

Parentage:

Columbia x Melba

Released by:

Dr. C.F. Patterson, University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon SK

Date:

1959

Notes:

Fruit 4.5cm. light crimson. Very early to ripen -- early August. Flesh yellowish, crisp but becomes soft. Severe crotch injury some winters. Heavy yield. Good canning. Erskine recommends. Manchester notes: "Probably worthy of more extensive planting." (Syn Early Redbird.) H1.

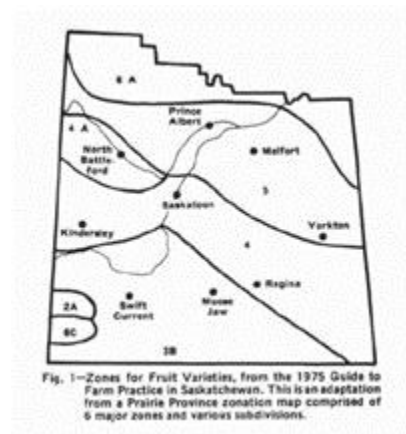
-Edible Apples in Prairie Canada

Very early (10 days earlier than Silvia) ,light crimson; up to 1 3/4" in dia. under field conditions with irrigation, at Saskatoon. Very mildly acid, quality good either for dessert or cooking; tree a heavy fruiter.

-University of Saskatchewan Fruit Introductions, Patterson, 1960

A University of Saskatchewan introduction, this is a very early crabapple. Apparently hardy in Zones 3B, 4 and 4A, but has shown moderate to severe injury in parts of Zone 5 and 6A in some years.

-Hort Facts, Nelson, 1976



Originated with the University of Saskatchewan, by Dr. C. F. Patterson, selected in 1945, tested as A55-101, and introduced in 1959. The tree is vigorous, with good branching habit, a heavy bearer, and annually productive It is hardy to Zone 1, and susceptible to fire blight. The fruit is 4.0 - 4.5 cm (1 3/4-17/8") in diameter, round conic, and matures in late July to early August. The skin is thin, light cream base and well covered with light crimson. The flesh is creamy white to yellowish, mildly acid, with a pleasant flavour. It is good for fresh eating and for cooking, but it stores very poorly.

-Prairie Apple Cultivars, Peters

