



Malus Biology

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Message from the Guest Editors

Apple (*Malus domestica* L. Borkh), with its wide diversity of climatic adaptation, is the most widely planted tree fruit of the temperate zone and one of the most widely cultivated in the world, covering about 5 million hectares and with a production of more than 75 million metric tons. Apple is a representative model plant of a fruit tree in multiple biological processes, such as fruit set and development, flower development, fruit quality, environmental response, postharvest physiology, grafting, thinning, and domestic evolution, which would not be well reflected in, for example, Arabidopsis, rice, tomato, and other model plants. Apple research has undergone great improvements in recent years, in both quantitative and qualitative terms, and this species genome has been released and widely improved.





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