

# HAWTHORN

*Crataegus* (many species)



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<b>Mature Height</b>	15-35 Feet	<b>Soil Type</b>	Widely Adaptable
<b>Mature Spread</b>	10-35 Feet	<b>Flower Color</b>	White or Pink
<b>Mature Form</b>	Broad Ovate	<b>Foliage Color</b>	Green
<b>Growth Rate</b>	Slow to Moderate	<b>Fall Color</b>	Yellow to Red
<b>Sun Exposure</b>	Full Sun	<b>Zones</b>	4-8
<b>Soil Moisture</b>	Widely Adaptable		

The Hawthorn tree has many species appropriate for planting in lawns - in fact more than 1,000 species are native to North America. The small tree has green leaves that turn yellow, orange, or red in autumn. Hawthorns provide good wildlife shelter because they are low-branching and covered in thorns. They also produce a red fruit eaten by some wildlife.

The Hawthorn may be planted on a wide range of sites, so long as it receives plenty of sunlight. It is somewhat susceptible to disease, but is long-lived even under urban conditions. When the tree is young it should be pruned. Additionally, the Hawthorn should be staked if it is small or in an exposed location.



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