Vaughn Hawthorn

Crataegus phaenopyrum 'Vaughn'



Vaughn Hawthorn in bloom
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Height: 15 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A choice tree for accent use in home landscapes; a froth of white flowers in spring, plentiful brilliant red fruit in fall and fiery fall colors, however, extremely thorny

Ornamental Features

Vaughn Hawthorn features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in late spring. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. It has forest green deciduous foliage which emerges burgundy in spring. The serrated lobed leaves turn an outstanding scarlet in the fall.

Landscape Attributes

Vaughn Hawthorn is a dense deciduous tree with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance tree, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Vaughn Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Vaughn Hawthorn will grow to be about 15 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selection of a native North American species.