Calisto® Indian Hawthorn

Rhaphiolepis indica 'Sodark'



Calisto Indian Hawthorn
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

A lovely disease resistant variety that produces profuse clusters of pink flowers; bright reddish-orange new foliage matures to a deep glossy green and is deeply curled; burgundy fall and winter foliage; excellent groundcover, accent, or foundation shrub



Calisto Indian Hawthorn flowers
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Ornamental Features

Calisto Indian Hawthorn features showy clusters of shell pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges antique red in spring. The recurved oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Calisto Indian Hawthorn is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with a mounded 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 shrub, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Calisto Indian Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover

Planting & Growing

Calisto Indian Hawthorn will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.