Redbird™ Indian Hawthorn

Rhaphiolepis indica 'sPg-3-003'

Height: 6 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 6

Description:

A stunning variety that produces profuse clusters of white flowers, flushed with pink; bright red to burgundy new foliage matures to a deep glossy green; an excellent garden or landscape accent, or foundation shrub



Redbird Indian Hawthorn foliage
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Ornamental Features

Redbird Indian Hawthorn features showy clusters of white star-shaped flowers with shell pink centers at the ends of the branches from late winter to early spring. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges red in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and remain dark green throughout the winter.

Landscape Attributes

Redbird 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.

Redbird Indian Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Redbird Indian Hawthorn will grow to be about 6 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot 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 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.

Redbird Indian Hawthorn makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



Redbird Indian Hawthorn flowers
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