Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn

Crataegus laevigata 'Superba'



Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn flowers
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Height: 20 feet

Spread: 20 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A wonderful disease-resistant improvement on the species, makes a beautiful small accent tree for home landscapes; covered in reddish pink flowers with white centers in spring and showy scarlet fruit in fall, very thorny

Ornamental Features

Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn is covered in stunning clusters of crimson flowers with white centers held atop the branches in mid spring. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy lobed leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy red pomes displayed from early fall to late winter.

Landscape Attributes

Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn is a 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

Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening



Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Crimson Cloud English Hawthorn will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 20 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 4 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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.