



# Thornless Hawthorn Crataegus crus-galli 'Inermis'

Height: 25 feet Spread: 25 feet Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 4

### **Description:**

A top notch small landscape accent with great beauty; superb branching habit, a blanket of white flowers in spring, red berries and brilliant color in fall. Also available in clump.

#### **Ornamental Features**

Thornless Hawthorn is covered in stunning clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in mid spring. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy round leaves turn an outstanding tomato-orange in the fall.

## **Landscape Attributes**

Thornless Hawthorn is a deciduous tree with a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other landscape plants with less refined foliage.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Thornless Hawthorn in bloom Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



Thornless Hawthorn flowers
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Thornless Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening



## **Planting & Growing**

Thornless Hawthorn will grow to be about 25 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 25 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 slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.