

Crataegus phaenopyrum

Washington Hawthorne

Zone: 4-7

Height: 30'

Width: 20'

Crown: Pyramidal

Growth Rate: Moderate

Soil: Adaptable, except for very alkaline

Drought: High tolerance

Roots: No lifting



Washington Hawthorne is a tough, showy tree: Tough in that it withstands urban condition quite well; The show begins in spring with white flower clusters, followed in summer and fall with bright orange/red berries and in fall with brilliant red foliage. Birds will clean up the fruit, usually before it drops, and in the winter it has an interesting profile. The only problem with Washington is that it has thorns, big nasty thorns. But this can be a plus if you want to use it as a hedge. Washington Hawthorn tends to be a little rangy if given too nice an environment. Limited pruning may be necessary to keep weight off limbs. Watch out for those thorns. Washington also tends to be difficult to transplant bare root. 'Steaming' should help. It tends to sunscald as a young tree, so wrapping the trunk is suggested. There seem to be no insect or disease problems, at least in Oregon. Robinson offers *Crataegus phaenopyrum* in undercut branched trees, whips and multi-stem trees.