

Indian Hawthorn

Info

Raphiolepis spp

Indian Hawthorn is a cold hardy, salt tolerant, evergreen shrub or small tree native to the Far East, and consists of many species. Plants may reach a height of 3 to 12 feet, depending on species. Leaves are leathery in texture and may be serrated with a length of 1 1/2 to 3 inches. White or pinkish flowers are produced heavily in spring and lightly throughout the year. Fruit is a drupe or berry-like bluish black in color.

PLANTING

Best growth can be expected when plants are set in a well-drained, improved soil in sun, partial shade or shade. Plants should be placed in the ground at soil level and mulch should be applied around root area to keep soil moist. Water plants thoroughly every day for the first week. For the next two to four weeks, water at the rate of two to three thorough waterings per week. Container plants can be planted at any time of the year. Mix **Espoma Bio-tone Starter** to soil when planting for strong healthy root growth.

FERTILIZING

Fertilize using **Espoma Plant-tone**, 2 to 4 times during the growing season. Apply 1/4 cup per plant and distribute lightly over the entire root zone.

USES

Indian Hawthorn are extremely salt tolerant and can be used in dune areas, as foundation plants or in shrub borders. They are also used in mass plantings and hedges. Taller varieties make excellent small trees.

AVAILABLE PLANTS

Raphiolepis indica "Alba" - Clusters of white flowers in spring and again in fall. Maximum height of 4 feet. Most popular variety for Brevard County.

Raphiolepis Hybrid "Majestic Beauty" - Clusters of pinkish flowers in spring and throughout the year. Maximum height of 10 to 12 feet, makes an excellent small tree or large shrub.

PLANT PROBLEMS

Scale insects - Sucking type insects that remove plant juices through underside of leaves. Solution - Application of **Organicide** or **All Season Oil Spray** according to proper application rate.

Fire Blight - Bacterial disease caused by over fertilizing with high nitrogen.

Solution - Use **Espoma Plant-tone**, 2 to 4 times for entire growing season. Remove infected growth - sterilizing clippers between cuts.



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