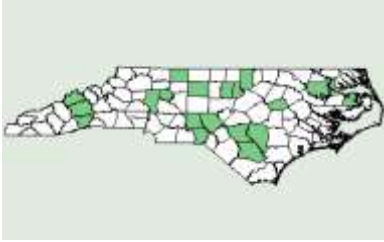


# WASHINGTON HAWTHORN

*Crataegus phaenopyrum*

***A popular ornamental tree found in gardens and parks throughout North America and Europe.***



**Description:** Is a deciduous tree, living up to its name “thorns”. It is the most heat tolerant hawthorn. The foliage is lustrous dark green at maturity, turning a fabulous orange and reddish purple in fall.

**Natural Habitat:** Open woods, along stream banks.

**Conservation Status:** Endangered - Florida

**Size:** 20 – 30 ft.

**Growth Rate:** Slow, Moderate

**Light:** Full to part sun

**Planting and Care:** prefers moist, well-drained soils in full sun, but is tolerant of poor soil. ***Thorns are dangerous; do not use this tree where small children play.***

**Ornamental Value:** Four season ornamental; showy late spring white flowers, showy autumn red fruits and burgundy fall color; showy early winter red fruits and bark/twigginess/texture.

**Landscape Usage:** Planted as borders, hedges, barrier, specimen plant, street tree, naturalizing, and for attracting wildlife.

**Wildlife Benefits:** Provides favored food, cover and nesting for birds.