



# Hawthorn

*Crataegus monogyna*

A versatile, fast-growing native deciduous, with an impenetrable dense, thorny nature, ideal for wetter soils and exposed sites.



## Description

Rich with seasonal interest and wildlife value, the Hawthorn, with its thorny dense nature and rustic charm, possesses all the qualities of a fine undemanding hedge.

## Appearance

Its distinctive heavily lobed 3–5cm glossy, dark green leaves are joined in spring by sprays of almond-scented, nectar-rich creamy-white blossom. Clusters of bright red fruits known as 'haws' follow in autumn which often remain on the branches long after the leaves have fallen.

## Placement

Hawthorn thrives in any well-drained soil and withstands both exposed inland and coastal sites whether in full sun or partial shade.

## Uses

Historically linked to farming, this prevalent countryside hedge boasts multiple applications. Traditionally used for securing farmsteads from unwanted visitors and for livestock containment, the Hawthorn also serves well as a windbreak or privacy screen in addition to providing a rich source of food for foragers.



*The Hawthorn provides a habitat-rich environment for wildlife, supporting over 300 varieties of insects alone. Autumnal fruits provide an invaluable source of food for migrating birds. The dense, thorny branches offer nesting birds and small mammals protection from predators.*



*A Clydesdale horse nibbles the fresh new growth shoots from a Hawthorn.*



### SOIL

Well-drained  
Chalk, Clay,  
Sand, Loam



### SUNLIGHT

Full sun  
Partial shade



### GROWTH

Fast  
30–40cm/yr  
approximately



### PRUNING

Every other year  
for the best  
display of  
flowers/haws



### USES

Privacy  
screening  
Security barrier  
Cooking  
Medicinal



### SUITABILITY

Containment  
of livestock  
and horses  
Deer resistant

AVAILABLE HEIGHT 1.2M | 1.5M | 1.8M