

Crataegus aestivalis



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May Haw, Apple Haw

Rosaceae

Plant Specifics

Size: 25-30 ft tall by 35-40 ft wide

Life Span: Long-lived perennial

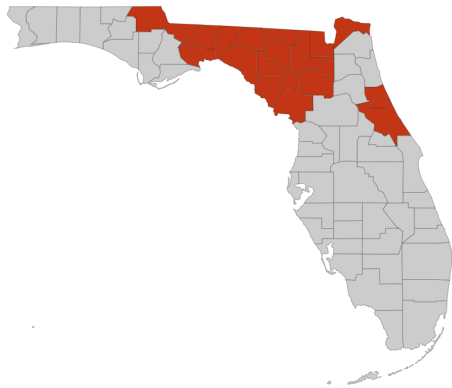
Flower Color: White

Fruit Color: Red

Phenology: Deciduous

Habitats: In and near pools and small ponds, floodplains, swamps, especially where water stands much of the time.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:



Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Specimen plant or wildlife planting for moist areas. Screen plant. Suggested by IFAS as a median planting or buffer planting for roadways.

Light: ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade

Moisture Tolerance: Stays Wet ----- to ----- Not wet but not extremely dry

Salt Water Flooding Tolerance: Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.

Salt Spray Tolerance: Low/no tolerance of salty wind or direct salt spray

Soil/Substrate: Clay, Loam, Sand

Wildlife



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Apparently less interesting as a wildlife food tree than some other haws.

Larval food for hummingbird clearwing (*Hemaris thysbe*) and blinded sphinx (*Paonias excaecata*).

Attracts pollinators, especially important for native bees.