

SCARLET HAWTHORN

CRATAEGUS COCCINEA

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

 Size

20 - 25' high, 20 - 25' wide

 Sun/Shade

Full Sun

 Water

Medium

 Maintenance

Medium

 Life Span

Perennial Tree, Zone 4-7

 Description

Crataegus coccinea, also known as Scarlet Hawthorn and Ontario Hawthorn is a small dense tree grown in full sun but can also tolerate light shade. It gets its name from the ½" round fruits that turn scarlet in September and October as well as the 2" thorns that grow on its branches. It has a showy white bloom in May that emits an unpleasant odor and is technically edible but is best left for the birds it attracts. The blooms also attract butterflies. The thorns are sharp making pruning difficult and this plant is also used as a barrier or hedge because of its horizontal branching. But keep away from people areas. The leaves are a dark green and turn to orange and purple-red in the fall. The Scarlet Hawthorn (as well as most hawthorns) is susceptible to problems from both multiple insects and diseases including cedar hawthorn rust (if cedar trees are present).

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](#)



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