Lavalle Hawthorn

Crataegus x lavallei



Lavalle Hawthorn in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

This hybrid hawthorn makes an excellent accent shrub with its clusters of pretty white flowers held above the branches in spring, red berries and attractive fall color; compact habit makes it ideal for smaller landscapes; watch out for sharp thorns

Ornamental Features

Lavalle Hawthorn features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches in late spring. The fruits are showy red pomes carried in abundance from early fall to late winter. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. It has forest green deciduous foliage. The glossy pointy leaves turn an outstanding coppery-bronze in the fall.



Lavalle Hawthorn flowers
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Landscape Attributes

Lavalle Hawthorn is a deciduous tree with a shapely oval form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spiny

Lavalle Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening

Planting & Growing

Lavalle Hawthorn will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This tree should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist growing conditions, but will not tolerate any standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.