

# Indian Hawthorn

## *Raphiolepis indica*

Indian hawthorn is a dense, rounded, medium textured, evergreen shrub. This shrub is a slow grower and it will take many years for it to reach a mature height of 5 feet. The Indian hawthorn is drought tolerant and, once established, these shrubs can survive with low water needs. In partnership with this good characteristic is their salt tolerance. This is a great seaside plant subject. Indian Hawthorn can lose foliage to a leaf spot disease in part shade situations. Plant density, flower and fruit production will also be reduced in less than six hours of sun. To limit the chance for foliar disease, such as leaf spot, avoid overhead irrigation if possible.

**Type:** evergreen shrub

**USDA hardiness zones:** 8 through 11

**Uses:** reclamation; shade

**Origin:** not native to Florida

**Height:** 4 to 7 feet      **Spread:** 4 to 7 feet

**Plant spacing:** 2 feet

**Light requirement:** full sun to part shade

**Soil tolerances:** clay; sand; loam; acidic; slightly alkaline; well-drained

**Drought tolerance:** high

**Aerosol salt tolerance:** high

**Invasive potential:** low

**Pest resistance:** susceptible to leaf spot diseases

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