



Clara Hawthorne

8-11



- **Category:** Shrubs
- **Type:** Broadleaf Evergreen
- **Exposure:** Part Sun / Part Shade
- **Blooms:** Spring
- **Flowers:** White
- **Fruit:** Dark Blue
- **Foliage:** Dark Green
- **Form:** Spreading
- **Maximum Growth:** Approx. 4'h x 4'w
- **Zones:** 8 to 11
- **Drought Tolerance:** Moderate
- **Scientific Name:** *Raphiolepis indica*'Clara'
- **Usage:** Accent, Foundation, Foreground, Mass



Introduction

The Clara Hawthorne is a slow growing, large to medium (3'-4' height), evergreen shrub ideal for any sunny garden. The neat, compact growth habit seldom needs pruning. High salt-tolerance makes any Indian Hawthorne especially useful for seaside plantings.

Use and Management

Use the Clara as a dense, large-scale informal hedge, foundation plantings or as a large foreground mass planting under trees or Crape Myrtles. Plant the Clara as a large accent plant in small areas, or mass plant in larger beds to produce a spectacular splash of spring color.

The rich, grey-green leaves are set off by a profusion of white flowers appearing in springtime. A second, less pronounced flower display maybe produced in the fall. Flowers are followed months later by somewhat showy, small, purplish-black berries.

Indian Hawthorne does best on well-drained soils and tolerates drought conditions well. Plants will not be as dense or flower well if grown in partial shade. In addition, plants in less than 6 hours of sun often lose foliage due to leaf spot disease. This is a perfect low-maintenance small shrub in the sun.

Planting

Instant Landscape

- Plant 24" OC for an instant landscape with a good budget.
- Spec 5 or 7 gal containers

Normal or budget Landscape

- Plant 30" – 36" OC for budget landscapes.
- Use 1 gal or 3 gal containers

