

Crataegus

Crataegus, Thorns (*Rosaceae*)



"Carrierei" (*C. x lavalleyi* "Carrierei")

Origin: France. Large deciduous shrub or small tree with crown that is at first spherical and then a broad, flattened dome; thorny branches. Leaves 5-15cm, leathery, glossy green, yellow or orange in autumn. White flowers in April-May followed by large reddish-orange edible fruit which remain until late winter. Prefers clay, heavy, calcareous soil. Withstands drought and pollution it is therefore extremely suitable for lining not too wide streets in towns and industrial areas.

x grignonensis

Hybrid worth noting for its abundant white flowers in corymbs in May and generous quantity of edible red fruits. Leathery deciduous leaves, lobate, shiny green. Growing requirements and use: as above.



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laevigata "Paul's Scarlet"

Origin: England. Large shrub or small tree with conical crown which later becomes conical-rounded with spreading lateral branches, sometimes weeping; branches not very thorny. Deciduous, vivid green leaves, oval with 3-5 lobes. Bright crimson flowers in long and dense inflorescences in April-May. Fruit: small, red but rare and sporadic. Grows well in all types of soil, even calcareous. Suitable to grow singly in gardens and along city streets as it withstands pollution.

monogyna "Stricta"

Large shrub or small deciduous tree with thick, columnar crown, regular in the early years, later becoming wide and less dense. Shiny, dark green leaves up to 5 cm long, from ovate to rhomboidal, with 3-7 deep lobes. White, fragrant flowers in flat corymbs in late spring, later than "Paul's Scarlet", followed by round, shiny red fruit, 6cm long. Prefers deep, fertile, calcareous soil. Very useful for planting along narrow streets.

