

Indian Hawthorn - *Raphiolepis indica*

General information: Evergreen shrub, dwarf, rounded of medium texture. Reaches a height of five feet in landscape. Native habitat is South China. Leaves are simple, alternate, clustered at twig tips, oblong, to 3 inches long, leathery, scute or acuminate, dark green above, light green and often brown pubescent on the veins on the underside. Petioles are burgundy and margins serrate. Flowers pinkish to white, 5/8" across, in loose terminal panicles in spring. Has a fair salt tolerance.

Family: *Rosaceae*

Lighting: Tolerates full sun but does best in partial shade.

Temperature: Zone 8.

Watering: Moderately drought tolerant.

Feeding: Regular feeding with other bonsai.

Pruning and wiring: No information.

Propagation: Seed or semi-hardwood cuttings.

Repotting: Annually. Needs fertile, well-drained soils.

Pests and diseases: Nematodes, fireblight, scale and leafspot.

Bibliography:

Florida Agricultural Extension Service.

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