Downy Hawthorn - Crataegus mollis

**Common Name(s):** Downy hawthorn  
**Categories:** Native Plants, Trees  
**Comment:** Good but variable tree; rounded to wide-spread; varying degrees of thorniness; yellow to bronze to bronze-red in fall; native; subject to rust disease. This tree is resistant to damage by deer.  
**Height:** 20-30 ft.  
**Flower:** 1 in. white flowers in spring; red fruit in early fall; does not last long  
**Zones:** 3-6  
**Habit:** Deciduous  
**Site:** Sun to partial shade; moist, well-drained soil  
**Texture:** Medium  
**Form:** Rounded to wide spreading  
**Exposure:** Sun to partial shade; range of soil types  
**Fruit:** White flowers in spring; red fruit in early fall; does not last long  
**Growth Rate:** Moderate  
**Leaf:** 2-4 in. alternate, simple leaf with sharp serration; gray cast in summer; yellow to bronze to bronze red fall color  
**Tags:** deciduous, deer resistant