

# Downy Hawthorn - *Crataegus mollis*

**Common Name(s):** Downy hawthorn

**Categories:** Native Plants, Trees

**Comment:** Good but variable tree; rounded to wide-spreading; 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

