



Indian Hawthorn Pink Lady *Raphiolepis Indica Pink Lady*

03-82



| <u>Hardiness</u> | <u>Exposure</u> | <u>Soil</u> | <u>Water</u> | <u>Flowers</u> | <u>Height</u> |
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| Zones 8-10, 12-24, H1, H2 | Full sun partial shade | Slightly acidic soil | Little to regular watering | Pale pink | 4-6 Feet tall |

A native of China, Indian hawthorn (*Raphiolepis Indica*) is ubiquitous in traditional suburban landscapes and commercial landscapes here in Austin. Why? Because it is a tough, evergreen shrub that can be used in a hedge. It doesn't wilt in the summer; its glossy leaves always seem fresh and cool. In late spring, it is covered with small, pale pink flowers. After a frost, some leaves turn a bright orange or red, but like live oaks, the old leaves remain until the new leaves push them out. As is often the case, at my house someone planted it as a foundation plant, much too close to the house. Five of the six plants were in too much shade and all were scraggly and chlorotic. I have removed the five in the shade, and someday, I will take out the sixth, too. I have no fondness at all for Indian Hawthorn.