



red haw

Crataegus mollis

Kingdom: Plantae
Division/Phylum: Anthophyta
Class:
Order:
Family:

FEATURES

The red haw is also known as the downy hawthorn. This deciduous tree may attain a height of 25 feet with a trunk diameter of 14 inches. The crown is widely spreading. The gray-brown bark has deep furrows and scales. The red-brown buds are small and usually hairy. The simple leaves are arranged alternately along the stem. Each leaf is broad near the base and rounded at the tip. A leaf measures about four inches long and nearly that wide. Teeth are present along the edges of each leaf. The upper leaf surface is yellow-green and hairy, while the lower surface is pale and hairy. The leafstalk is about one inch long and hairy. The flower has five white petals and may be up to one inch across. The fruit is nearly spherical, about one inch in diameter. This red, fleshy, dry fruit contains four to five nutlets.

BEHAVIORS

The red haw may be found statewide in Illinois. This tree grows in moist woods. Flowering occurs in April and May.

HABITATS

- bottomland forests
- coniferous forest
- southern Illinois lowlands
- upland deciduous forest

ILLINOIS STATUS

- common
- endangered
- threatened
- native
- exotic

ILLINOIS RANGE

Permanent resident: statewide

Summer resident:

Migrant:

Winter resident:

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