La Vida Mas® Indian Hawthorn

Rhaphiolepis indica 'SMNRICS'

Height: 24 inches

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 8a

Group/Class: La Vida Series

Description:

A stunning, disease resistant selection featuring profuse clusters of pink flowers in spring, reblooming in summer to fall; foliage matures to a deep glossy green, with deep maroon winter foliage; an excellent groundcover, accent, or foundation shrub



La Vida Mas Indian Hawthorn flowers
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

La Vida Mas Indian Hawthorn features showy clusters of pink flowers at the ends of the branches from late winter to mid fall. It has attractive dark green evergreen foliage which emerges antique red in spring. The glossy oval leaves are highly ornamental and turn burgundy in the fall, which persists throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

La Vida Mas Indian Hawthorn is a multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

La Vida Mas Indian Hawthorn is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Mass Planting
- General Garden Use
- Groundcover
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

La Vida Mas Indian Hawthorn will grow to be about 24 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

La Vida Mas Indian Hawthorn makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.