

Botanical Name: Rhaphiolepis indica 'Ballerina'

Common Name: Dwarf pink India hawthorn

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Family Rosaceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Dense, compact dark green shrub with a full, rounded form;
usually wider than tall

Height 2 to 3 ft. Spread 3 to 4 ft Growth Rate slow - moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun to partial shade

Soil tolerant of most soils, prefers good drainage

Hardiness hardy (zones 8-10, 12-24)

Morphology:

Leaves smaller and darker than the species; leaves to 2" long, 1" wide;
familiar fine markings on underside of leaves

Flowers panicles of deep rosy pink flowers in spring (sporadic blooms in
fall season if weather is mild)

Fruit small, dark blue-purple berries

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: low filler or large-scale facer; favored in small-scale landscapes
where it can be used in replacement of the larger 'Springtime' -- often used in
mass plantings and as a low informal hedge

Landscape Care:

Watering average watering; tolerates drought when established

Fertilizing balanced, slow-release at planting time

Pruning head back to keep dense and full

Pests/Diseases occasional fungal leaf spot and fireblight -- neither is serious

Other plant becomes taller, leggier and blooms less in part shade

Origin: southern China