

Crataegus x media 'Paul's Scarlet'

Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn



Crataegus x media 'Paul's Scarlet' (Paul's Scarlet Hawthorn, synonym *Crataegus x laevigata* 'Paul's Scarlet') was found in a garden in Hertfordshire in 1858 by William Paul & Son from Waltham Cross nursery near London, United Kingdom, as a sport of *Crataegus laevigata* 'Rosea Flore Pleno'. This tree was formerly classified under *Crataegus laevigata* but is now known to concern a hybrid between *Crataegus laevigata* and *Crataegus monogyna*. Ultimately, the red hawthorn will attain a height of around eight metres with a maximum eight-metre-broad conical crown which assumes a semi-open and irregular round shape in maturity. *Crataegus x media* 'Paul's Scarlet' is one of the three hawthorns given an *Award of Garden Merit* from the English Royal Horticultural Society.

At the end of May or early June *Crataegus x media* 'Paul's Scarlet' is a real eye-catcher with its pink-red blossom, slowly fading to pale pink, which stands out even more on account of the double flower. Because the stamens and petals have coalesced the tree does not yield much nectar and pollen. The red hawthorn does not produce fruits which can be a major benefit when planting in public spaces. The healthy, leathery and 5-lobed leaf is dark green and changes to yellow in autumn. The trunk is grey and smooth but becomes more irregular in maturity with flaky bark in platelets. *Crataegus x media* 'Paul's Scarlet' has fewer thorns than the species but those it has are two to three centimetres long and sharp.

Crataegus x media 'Paul's Scarlet' is tolerant of paved areas and air pollution and grows well on most soils although prefers nutrient-rich and slightly firmer ground. The red hawthorn is less tolerant of long periods of drought and strong winds. Cultivar 'Paul's Scarlet' adds colour to streets, squares and parking areas with its abundant spring blossom. But *Crataegus x media* 'Paul's Scarlet' also makes a bright addition to parks and gardens.

SEASONAL COLOURS



TYPES OF PLANTING

Tree types: standard trees, multi-stemmed trees, solitary shrubs

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Location: street, avenue, square, car park / parking lot, park, central reservation, large garden, small garden, cemetery, traffic areas, industrial zones | **Pavement:** none, open, sealed

CHARACTERISTICS

Crown shape: rounded | **Crown structure:** semi-open | **Height:** 6 - 8 m | **Width:** 6 - 8 m | **Winter hardiness zone:** 5A - 9B

ASPECTS

Wind: slightly tolerant to wind | **Soil:** loess, sabulous clay, light clay, sand, loamy soil | **Nutrient level:** moderately rich in nutrients, rich in nutrients | **Soil moisture level:** dry, moist | **Light requirements:** sun, partial shade | **pH range:** neutral, alkaline | **Extreme environments:** tolerates air pollution

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Flowers: corymbose, stuffed | **Flower colour:** pink-red | **Flowering period:** May - June | **Leaf colour:** dark green | **Leaves:** deciduous, ovate, leathery, lobate | **Autumn colour:** yellow | **Fruits:** rarely fruits, berry | **Fruit colour:** red | **Bark colour:** grey-brown | **Bark:** peeling, slightly furrowed | **Twig colour:** brown | **Twigs:** thorned