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Hawthorn

At Caerhays and Burncoose we have started experimenting with growing rare and new species of hardy *Crataegus* with a view to adding them to our catalogue listings before long. *C. ellwangeriana* and *C. tanacetifolia* are showing early promise with good crops of fruit.

Common hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna*) is obviously featured regularly in our hedgerows, on the edge of cliff and moor land and on the edge of woodland. We sell bare root 'whips' to allow you to create your own prickly flowering hedge. Quickthorn or Maytree flowers in April and May (often earlier in Cornwall) and the dark red fruits in autumn are relished by mammals and birds in our hedgerows in autumn. To establish a good hedge it should be planted as a twin or double row 18in apart with each plant also 18" apart.



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C. laevigata 'Crimson Cloud' has gorgeous bright red flowers with white centres in large clusters right along the old wood of last year's growth. It is a bit early to tell quite how tall a tree this newish variety will become in maturity but, it would seem, 15-20ft.



Crataegus laevigata
'Crimson Cloud'



Crataegus laevigata 'Paul's
Scarlet'



Crataegus laevigata 'Paul's
Scarlet'



Crataegus 'Paul's Scarlet'



Crataegus wattiana



Crataegus schraderiana



Crataegus aprica



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Crataegus combyi



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Crataegus ellwangeriana
'Fire Ball'



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Crataegus schraderiana

0:00 - C. schraderiana

1:55 - C. ellwangeriana 'Fire Ball'

2:57 - C. combyi

3:31 - C. aprica

View this video on Youtube here <https://www.youtube.com/EaKFUG5KGEU>

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