

Add Indian hawthorn shrub for spring flowering

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This week, I want to tell you about the Indian hawthorn.

Some gardeners think Indian hawthorn is a ho-hum, no-pizzazz shrub. But this plant is so much more than some of the prima donna shrubs that garner all the attention each spring. An accurate way to describe these shrubs is to say they are hard-working don't complain much about how they're treated. They are so pedestrian, so blue collar.

But when you actually look for them, you'll find Indian hawthorns are in almost every south Mississippi landscape as foundation anchor shrubs. That's because they're reliable, and every home gardener wants reli-

ability in their landscape. The Indian Hawthorn is the perfect evergreen shrub to plant in your home landscape in hardiness zones 7a through 10.

Star-shaped flowers ranging from snow white to light-pastel pink emerge in the spring in clusters held loosely at the ends of branches. On calm springs days, you may catch a hint of their delicate floral fragrance when you stroll by a hedge in bloom. The pistil and stamens are reddish, matching the color of the newly unfolding foliage. This feature adds additional interest and contrast to the flower color.

Thick and leathery evergreen foliage provides a fantastic backdrop for warm-season annual color. The top of the foliage is a lustrous

dark green in the summer, and it can turn a purplish blue-green when exposed to winter temperatures. The leaf margins have soft, serrated edges that are highly variable.

In the fall, Indian hawthorns produce fruit that are an attractive blue to black color. They ripen in the late summer and fall and persist through the winter. Plant Indian hawthorn in full sun

New report reinforces lifesaving benefits of smoke alarms

A new report from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) confirms the importance of having working smoke alarms in your home. According to the NFPA report, almost three out of five home fire deaths happened in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms.

"We can't underscore enough how critical it is to have properly installed and operating smoke alarms. The early warning from a smoke alarm provides precious time to get out and can be the difference between life and death," said Lorraine Carli, NFPA's vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. Carli added that this is important in that you could have as little as two minutes to escape. "Modern construction and furnishings in homes burn faster and hotter, making seconds count."

The report further stated that the risk of dying in reported home structure fires is 54 percent lower in homes with working smoke alarms than in homes with no alarms or none that worked.

NFPA provides several smoke alarm safety tips:

- A closed door may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire. Install smoke alarms in every sleeping room and outside each separate sleeping area. Install alarms on every level of the home.
- Large homes may need extra smoke alarms.
- Smoke alarms should be interconnected. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Test all smoke alarms at

to partial shade. It prefers a consistently moist but well-drained landscape bed. To help ensure adequate drainage, plant the crown 1 or 2 inches above the soil level for the best landscape performance.

So, if your landscape needs a boost from spring-blooming shrubs, consider Indian hawthorn selections when you go shopping at the local garden center.

least once a month. Press the test button to be sure the alarm is working. Current alarms on the market employ different types of technology including multi-sensing, which could include smoke and carbon monoxide combined.

- Keep smoke alarms away from the kitchen to reduce false alarms. They should be at least 10 feet (3 meters) from the stove.
- People who are hard-of-hearing or deaf can use special alarms. These alarms have strobe lights and bed shakers.

• Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old.

When a smoke alarm sounds, get outside and stay outside.



- Replace all smoke alarms in your home every 10 years.
- For more information about the proper installation of smoke alarms and other safety tips, please visit www.nfpa.org/smokealarms.

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Turkey harvest reporting begins spring 2019

This spring, Mississippi hunters who bag a gobbler will be more engaged than ever in ensuring the future of Mississippi's turkey flock. Beginning with the 2019 season, all turkey hunters are required to report their harvests to the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks (MDWFP) by 10:00 p.m. on the day the turkey is harvested. The new MDWFP Game Check system provides hunters with three available options to report their bird: the MDWFP hunting and fishing smartphone app, www.mdwfp.com/gamecheck, or by calling 1-800-BE-SMART.

"Game Check is going to give us information that we have never had before, including county-specific harvest numbers," said MDWFP Wild Turkey Biologist Adam Butler. "Over time, the trends we will see through Game Check data will allow MDWFP to make more informed decisions, which will in turn translate into better management of turkey populations," Butler continued.

Hunters should be prepared to begin the Game Check process before moving their bird from the harvest location. For hunters who choose to take advantage of the smartphone app, the entire reporting process will be completed before leaving the woods, even if the user is without cellular coverage.

"We strongly encourage hunters to take advantage of the MDWFP hunting and fishing app if they have a smartphone, Butler added. "It's a one-stop-shop for harvest reporting."

Hunters not using the mobile app will need a paper harvest reporting record. They will use this to document their harvests while in

the field, and then complete the harvest reporting process later in the day by logging into the website or calling the reporting hotline.

Harvest reporting has broad support among Mississippi's 45,000 licensed turkey hunters. Surveys show more than 75% of this group favors such a system. The approach should be familiar to hunters who have hunted turkey outside the Magnolia State. MDWFP officials modeled Game Check from the process used in other states, specifically Alabama's recent adoption of harvest reporting in 2016.

The MDWFP hunting and fishing app is free from the Apple or Android store. A standard, downloadable MDWFP harvest record is available from the MDWFP website, or the hunter may choose to create their own.

For more information regarding Game Check, visit the MDWFP website at www.mdwfp.com/Game-Check or call at (601) 432-2199.

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