

Crataegus monogyna - Hawthorn



Plant Description

Hawthorn is a shrub or small tree that frequently forms a part of hedgerows. Leaves are triangular and deeply lobed, flowers are small and white and display in early summer, fruits (known as 'haws') ripen to red in late summer/early autumn. The twigs hold the characteristic 1-2cm long thorns.

What does this tell me about my woodland?

Hawthorn is often found in rich soils with lots of nutrients.

pH – Acid, neutral and mildly alkaline

Occurs in NVC Communities – W8, W9, W10, W21

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