



Fruit



Bark



Flowers



Height range 10-30'



1.5-4"

# Parsley Hawthorn

## *Crataegus marshallii*

### The Rose Family (Rosaceae)

**Basic Description:** Shrub to small tree with irregular, open crown; alternate, deciduous lacy leaves; greenish-tan, exfoliating bark and twigs with sharp spines.

**Interesting Facts:** Common name refers to the deeply cut foliage that looks similar to parsley. Flowers have a very conspicuous fishy or rotten scent. Fruit made into jellies, jams, or eaten raw. Tonics and teas from leaves used to treat heart diseases and high blood pressure.

**Flower:** Five white petals, red and white stamens, .625" wide, in clusters during early spring.

**Fruit:** .375" long, bright red, oblong drupe containing 1 to 3 seeds, maturing in fall.

**Wildlife Value:** Valuable nectar source for bees, butterflies, and other pollinators; foliage eaten by white-tailed deer; in fall/winter fruit consumed by songbirds and small mammals; serves as cover for insects and birds.

**Habitat:** Sandy, alluvial woods and low pastures.

#### LEAF TYPE

SIMPLE



#### POLLINATOR

INSECTS



#### WILDLIFE VALUE

HIGH

