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*Crataegus spathulata*

[Synonyms : *Crataegus microcarpa*]

**LITTLE HIP HAWTHORN** is a deciduous shrub or tree. Native to the southern United States it has small white flowers with pale yellow stamens.

It is also known as Pasture haw.

*Spathulata* means 'like a spatula or spoon-shaped, or broad and flat with rounded upper part'.

According to records the Cherokee North American Indians seem to have bathed in or drunk a tea made from the bark as it was believed that this would repel the opposition in a ballgame.

Apparently the Cherokees also believed that this bark infusion was good medicinally for enhancing circulation.

Birds enjoy the small red fruit.