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Gardening Q&A

Q: Is it possible to speed up the growth of a so-called "slow-growing" tree? – B.D.M., San Antonio

A: It is! These suggestions should pick up the pace: Plant trees in full sun; they will grow faster than those in shade. Reduce competition from grasses and weeds and conserve moisture by using mulch generously around trees. Surround them with at least three feet of mulch that is 3-4 inches deep, but don't let the mulch touch the tree trunk. Give trees a deep, thorough soaking once a week during growing season if it doesn't rain. Periodically apply a slow-release fertilizer such as 19-5-9 to provide nutrients. And refrain from digging or hoeing around trees to protect their shallow roots.

E-mail your questions to help@schulznursery.net and we'll answer them in Gardener's Gazette.

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March 12-13

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Hardy Indian Hawthorn Blooms Early

By Trace Hazlett



Our climate lets us plant flowering trees and shrubs that can give spring a head start to signal the end of a cold winter. For tried and true early spring blooming, Indian hawthorn can't be beat.

With the scientific name *Rhaphiolepis indica*, Indian hawthorn is typically 4 to 6 feet high, with some varieties smaller or larger. Its blooms range from white and cream to various shades of pink.

Some have fall leaf color and blue-purple berries fall through winter. With minimal pruning, the shrub can be kept small or trimmed as a hedge for privacy.

This evergreen shrub is strong and can withstand the harsh elements. Once established, Indian hawthorn is heat and drought tolerant, and adapts to any type of soil.

Most varieties are disease resistant, although occasionally some can be hit with hawthorn leaf spot. To avoid this fungal disease, don't get the leaves wet while watering, and plant shrubs far enough apart to allow air flow.

Otherwise, this strong shrub is well suited to neglect, which makes it a true winner.



Indian hawthorn blooms as early as mid-February.
Photo by A. Barra

Trace Hazlett is the operations manager for Schulz Nursery. Trace will be glad to help you with your landscape choices.

Shade Your Eyes— It's a Knock Out Rose

By Peter Garza



So, you're looking for a rose that not only can take the Texas heat, it's disease resistant, easy to care for and gorgeous. A dream? No, it's a knock-out.

The aptly named "Knock Out" rose meets all those criteria and produces flowers with either single or double petals in colors including red, pink, rainbow (pink with a hint of yellow), bright yellow and

white.

Developed by William Radler, a botanist looking for a tough rose bush with ideal components, the Knock Out will bloom prolifically from spring to late fall.

Plant Knock Outs in well-drained soil where they will receive four or more hours of direct sunlight. Cut shrubs down to about 12 inches from the ground in spring, and shape them during the growing season to keep them rounded. Water well in hot weather and use plenty of mulch. Remove faded blooms to encourage more flowers and apply fertilizer regularly.



The "Knock Out" rose blooms spring through fall.
Photo by Sultry

Peter Garza is the store manager at Schulz on Broadway. He will happily answer your questions about roses and other garden beauties.

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All About Trees, with Laura Alexander of Schulz Nursery, will cover tree selection, planting and care, noon-1 p.m. March 12, Schulz in Marion.

Vegetable Gardening, with David Rodriguez, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Horticulturist and Master Gardener Coordinator for Bexar County.

1-2 p.m. March 12,
Schulz on Broadway.

1-2 p.m. March 19,
Schulz in Marion.

Growing Citrus, with David Rodriguez, the Texas AgriLife Extension Service Horticulturist and Master Gardener Coordinator for Bexar County.

2-3 p.m. March 12,
Schulz on Broadway.

2-3 p.m. March 19,
Schulz in Marion.

Herbs for Cooking and Health, with herbalist Carol-lee, who will offer tastings of herbs for cooking and medicinal purposes.

10 a.m.-noon March 19,
Schulz on Broadway.

10 a.m.-noon March 26,
Schulz in Marion.



Carolina Jessamine: A Versatile, Pest-free Vine

By Kristy Hoffman



Lovely Carolina jessamine (*Gelsemium sempervirens*) – with fragrant yellow trumpet-shaped flowers that appear in early spring – is a pest-free evergreen vine that grows up to 20 feet.

Sometimes it is called Carolina jasmine, although it is not related to true jasmine. It can be used as a ground cover or grown on a fence, an arbor or a trellis.

Plant Carolina jessamine in the early



Carolina jessamine can be grown on a fence or use as a groundcover.
Photo by Gilbert Garcia

spring or early fall, with plants 3 to 7 feet apart depending on how soon you want it to fill out your location. Carolina jessamine grows very fast once it is established.

Keep the soil fairly moist, and fertilize monthly with a general purpose fertilizer during the growing season. Don't prune until after flowering ends in the spring.

Kristy Hoffman is the store manager at Schulz in Marion. Ask her about growing Carolina Jessamine and other landscape plants.

How Do I Know If My Plants Are Dead After a Hard Freeze?

We thought we might give really cold weather a pass this year. Then came the Big Chill of 2011, and many landscape plants are showing the result. The problem is, how do you tell the difference between plants that turn brown because they usually do in the winter and those that are gone for good? Is it time to replant?

Well, it depends. Much of the permanent freeze damage to plants will become apparent this month, or soon after.

Many root-hardy perennials, such as esperanza, trailing lantana, firebush and various salvias, froze back severely and some may have been killed to the roots. Fortunately, even if everything above the ground has died, these plants will usually return from their roots.

We may see permanent losses of tropical and semi-tropical plants. Bougainvilleas, tropical hibiscus, plumeria, citrus and mandevilla may need to be replaced.

With herbaceous plants, anything that looks mushy and shows no fresh green at the base of the leaves or emerging from the center of the plant is probably dead and will need to be replaced.

For woody plants, you may simply wait a few more weeks to see if buds begin to appear as the weather warms over the next four to six weeks. If they do, simply prune branches above the buds. But if you want to act now, try scratching lightly along the branches with your thumbnail or pocketknife to see whether the layers below look green or brown. Green means the branch is still alive. You could also begin cutting the stems or branches at the tips, and keep cutting until you see green inside.

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Nature's Guide Rock Phosphate 0-3-0 has been prilled and coated with molasses to make it readily available to plants. When putting transplants in the ground, just add a couple of tablespoons per hole. Use when planting and to top dress around established plants.

Nature's Guide Root Stimulator is a blend of **Seaweed**, containing 17 different minerals not found in other natural products, and

Agrispon, a bio-stimulate from plant extracts that ignites dormant nitrogen. Use to soak the root base when transplanting or as a drench on existing plants.

Nature's Guide Dried Enriched Molasses

1-0-1 is a liquid molasses that is sprayed on twice to a soybean hull, then air-dried to ensure optimum biological and microbial activity is available to your plants, and it's easy to spread. Dark, rich in color, wonderful aroma. Use on all plants in your garden, flowerbeds or yard. When used as directed, these products will not burn or harm beneficial insects, soil organisms, aquatic species or wildlife in your landscape.



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Gardener's Calendar

March 2011

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Last day to plant asparagus crowns, most cabbage varieties, carrots, cauliflower transplants, onion transplants, parsley, Irish potato seed pieces. 1	Plant beets, sweet corn, Swiss chard, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuce, mustard, turnips, sweet pepper transplants, radishes, watermelon, and New Zealand and Malabar spinach all month. 2	Use Garden-Ville Potting Soil in pots and for veggie and flower gardens. 3	WaterSaver Gardening Walk, 10 a.m., San Antonio Botanical Garden. 4	Plant cucumbers now to April 15; winter squash to April 10; lima beans to April 20; bush and pole beans to May 5. Get Outdoors! Event, 10-2, Mission San Jose. 5
		Put up hummingbird feeders this month. Goldfinches will continue to visit thistle feeders. 8	Houseplants will appreciate feeding with Miracle-Gro Miracid. 9	Plant summer squash now to May 10. San Antonio Herb Society meeting, 7 p.m., SA Garden Center. 10		All About Trees 12-1, Schulz Marion. Vegetable Gardening 1-2, Schulz Broadway. Growing Citrus 2-3, Schulz Broadway. 12
Shady Deal Plus Weekend at Schulz. 13	Feed veggies with Nature's Guide Tomato and Pepper Food. 14	Last day to plant broccoli transplants and parsnips. Plant sweet pepper transplants, cantaloupe and pinto beans to May 1; hot pepper, eggplant and tomato transplants to May 10. 15		St. Patrick's Day Celebrate with something green from Schulz. 17		Herb Tasting Demo 10-noon, Schulz Broadway. Vegetable Gardening 1-2, Schulz Marion. Growing Citrus 2-3, Schulz Marion. 19
Plant Southern peas now to May 1. 20	Keep bird baths and feeders full and clean. 21	Native Plant Society of Texas meeting, 7 p.m., Lions Field Adult Center. 22		Enrich flower and veggie beds with Back to Earth Composted Cotton Burrs from Soil Mender. 24	Last day to plant collard. 25	Herb Tasting Demo, Carol-lee, 10-noon, Schulz Marion. 26
Plant begonias, zinnias and petunias. 27	Feed houseplants with Miracle-Gro Miracid for beautiful foliage. 28				By the moon, best planting dates Above-ground crops: 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14 Root crops: 1, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27, 28 Flowers: 13, 14, 20, 21 Kill weeds, pests: 2, 3, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 29, 30, 31	

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