Pyracantha crenatoserrata

COMMON NAMES
firethorn

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
White

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
Evergreen shrub to about 2 m high. Leaves to about 5 x 2 cm, glabrous on both sides, shining above and pale green below. Leaf margins almost entire but with faint teeth and a small spike at the end. White flowers produced in small clusters, followed by red or orange-red globbose fruit to 6 mm wide.

SIMILAR TAXA
Can easily be separated from P. angustifolia as it has larger leaves that are glabrous on the undersurface. Easily confused with P. crenulata, but P. crenatoserrata has broader leaves with teeth confined to the distal part of the leaf.

HABITAT
Terrestrial.

GENUS
Pyracantha

FAMILY
Rosaceae

AUTHORITY
Pyracantha crenatoserrata (Hance) Rehder

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

FLOWERING
October, November, December

FRUITING
May, June, July, August

YEAR NATURALISED
1988

ORIGIN
China

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
Reproduces by seed which is dispersed by humans and birds.

NVS CODE
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MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pyracantha-crenatoserrata/

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