

Pyracantha crenatoserrata

COMMON NAME

firethorn

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Pyracantha crenatoserrata (Hance) Rehder

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

PYRCRE

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

FEATURES

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 globose 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.

FLOWERING

October, November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

White

FRUITING

May, June, July, August

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

China

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Reproduction

seed

Dispersal

People and birds.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pyracantha-crenatoserrata/>

