

Pyracantha crenulata

COMMON NAMES

Nepalese 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 1 cm, glabrous on both sides, shining above and pale green below. Leaf margins serrulate along whole margin. 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 longer leaves that are glabrous on the undersurface. Easily confused with *P. crenatoserrata*, but *P. crenulata* has narrower leaves with teeth along the whole margin.

GENUS

Pyracantha

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Pyracantha crenulata (D.Don) M.Roem.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

November, December

YEAR NATURALISED

1982

ORIGIN

Himalaya

ETYMOLOGY

crenulata: From the Latin *crenus* 'notch', meaning with notches which give a leaf margin the appearance of having small rounded teeth

MORE INFORMATION

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

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