

Pyracantha angustifolia

COMMON NAME

orange firethorn

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Pyracantha angustifolia (Franch.) C.K.Schneid.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Evergreen shrub up to 2.5m high. Leaf narrowly oblanceolate to oblong, up to 55 x 10 mm. Dark green and glabrous above, lanate and pale grey-green below, margin slightly recurved, entire or sometimes with a few minute serrations near tip of largest leaves. Corymbs up to approx. 30mm across; pedicels 6~18mm long, grey-tomentose. Sepals triangular, about .8mm long, greyish lanate, acute. Petals obovate or broadly elliptic, 3.5~5mm long, rounded, white. Stamens = petals. Fruit depressed-globose, 4~6 x 6~7mm, glossy orange.

SIMILAR TAXA

Can easily be separated from *P. crenatoserrata* and *P. crenulata* as it has smaller leaves that are hairy on the undersurface.

FLOWERING

December, January

FLOWER COLOURS

White

FRUITING

April to August

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Viable seed is uncommon (Edgar and Connor 2000)

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

China

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

angustifolia: From the Latin *angustus* 'narrow, constricted' and *folius* 'leaf', meaning narrow-leaved



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