

# Pyracantha crenatoserrata

## COMMON NAME

firethorn

## FAMILY

Rosaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Pyracantha crenatoserrata* (Hance) Rehder

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

PYRCRE

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial.

## 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 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/>

