

Pyracantha crenulata

COMMON NAME

Nepalese firethorn

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Pyracantha crenulata (D.Don) M.Roem.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

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.

FLOWERING

November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

White

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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