

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



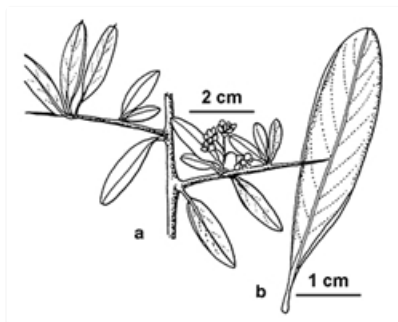
Flowering stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, garden, Woorndoo, Vic



Fruiting stem. Photographer Don Wood, near Cotter Bridge, ACT



Shrub. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT



Line drawings. a. flowering shoot; b. leaf (undersurface view). EM Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria. © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Orange firethorn, Firethorn

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, roadsides, disturbed sites, and along streams. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced shrub or small tree to 5 m high. Branches with stout spines. Fruit fleshy. Young stems hairy, grey or whitish. Older stems turn reddish-brown or darker grey. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2–7 cm long, 5–13 mm wide, upper surface dark green and almost hairless, lower surface whitish hairy, margins **entire** and rolled down, tips blunt and **mucronate**. Flowers white, 8–12 mm diameter, with 5 **petals**, in dense clusters of up to 30 flowers. Ripe fruit 5–9 mm in diameter, yellow to orange-red or crimson, covered in small **downy** hairs, particularly when immature. Flowers spring–summer.

Family was Malaceae.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW (as *Pyracantha* species).

Pest plant ACT.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Pyracantha~angustifolia> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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