

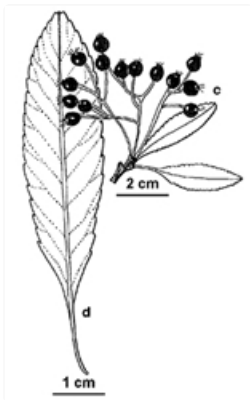
# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Fruiting stem. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT



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



Line drawings. c. fruiting shoot; d. leaf. EMMayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

## Common name

Firethorn, Himalayan firethorn

## Family

Rosaceae

## Where found

**Shrubland**, roadsides, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area and Canberra. Occasional elsewhere.

## Notes

**Introduced shrub** or small tree to about 3 m high. Short side branches end in spines. Fruit fleshy. Young stems rusty-hairy, becoming hairless. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, usually 3–6 cm long, 6–15 mm wide, margins evenly and sharply toothed for most of their length; both surfaces hairless, tips pointed or blunt, and **mucronate**. Flowers white, with 5 **petals**. Ripe fruit 4–8 mm in diameter, dark red to crimson. Flowers spring–summer.

Family was Malaceae.

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

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

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