

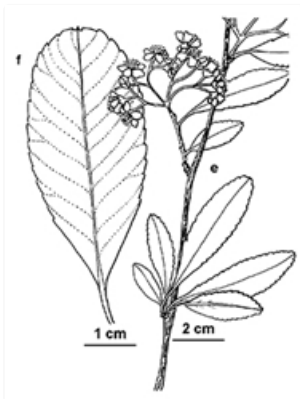
Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



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



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



Line drawings (as *Pyracantha fortuneana*).
e. flowering shoot; f. leaf. E.M. Mayfield, National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board

Common name

Firethorn, Broad-leaf firethorn

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Forest, woodland, grassy areas, disturbed sites, roadsides, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area and Canberra. Occasional elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced shrub to 4 m high, often sprawling. Short side branches ending in spines. Fruit fleshy. Young stems hairy, becoming hairless and glossy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, often appearing clustered on the short side branches, 2.5–5 cm long, 10–20 mm wide, both surfaces hairless, upper surface glossy, lower surface paler, margins almost **entire** or with minute scallops, tips rounded. Flowers white, with 5 **petals** each 8–9 mm long, in dense clusters. Ripe fruit 6–8 mm in diameter, scarlet to crimson when ripe. Flowers spring–summer.

Was *Pyracantha crenatoserrata*.

Family was Malaceae.

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

Pest plant ACT.

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

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