

Pyracantha coccinea

Genus: Pyracantha
Family: Rosaceae
Order: Rosales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Mildly toxic. Its sharp thorns can also irritate or puncture the skin.
Invasiveness: Can be invasive in some regions.
Plant Type: Deciduous shrub.
Lifespan: Can live for several decades.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: Typically 5-10 meters.
Spread: 5-10 meters.
Leaf Color: Dark green.
Bloom Time: Late spring to early summer.
Flower Size: Small.
Flower Color: White or creamy white.

Distribution:

Origin: Native to Europe and parts of Asia.
Habitat: Thrives in open woodlands, scrublands, and hedgerows.

Care:

Difficulty: Moderate.
Toughness: Very resilient.
Maintenance: Low; requires regular pruning.
Watering: Regular watering, drought-tolerant once established.
Pruning: Prune after flowering to maintain shape.
Propagation: Can be propagated from seeds or cuttings.
Repotting: Typically not necessary for outdoor specimens.

Conditions:

Temperature: Prefers moderate climates; can tolerate some frost.
Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 5-9.
Sun Requirements: Full sun to partial shade.
Soil Type: Well-draining, tolerates poor soil.
Use: Ornamental plant for hedges, privacy screens, security barriers, and wildlife gardens.
Location: Ideal for urban landscapes, cottage gardens, and drought-tolerant gardens.
Pests and Diseases: Generally resistant but may be affected by scale insects, aphids, and powdery mildew.

