PLANT FACT SHEET

Pyracantha crenulata (D.Don) M. Roem.

GENUS *Pyracantha* **FAMILY** Rosaceae

COMMON NAMES Nepal Firethorn, Nepalese white thorn

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves - tea

The ripe fruit are eaten fresh.
The leaves are used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It grows to about 3 m high. It has spines. The leaves have stalks. They are crowded on short side branches. The leaves are 1.5-5.5 cm long by 0.8-1.8 cm wide. They are oblong or oval. They narrow towards the base. They are rounded teeth. The flowers are on stalks. The flower petals are white. The fruit is round and red. They are 6 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. In Nepal it grows between 1000-2500 m altitude. In grows on open hillsides among other shrubs. In Vietnam it grows at 1,600 m above sea level. In Garhwal Himalayas in India. It suits hardiness zones 7-10. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants are grown from seed.

NOTES

There are 7 Pyracantha species.

PICTURES



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