

PYRACANTHA Coccinea



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Pyracantha, commonly known as Firethorn, is an evergreen, thorny, and fruit-bearing shrub belonging to the Rosaceae family. It is one of the most preferred landscape plants in gardens due to both its aesthetic appearance and its durability.



The species is native to regions extending from Southeastern Europe to Southeastern Asia. This plant, which also grows naturally in Turkey, has been introduced as an ornamental plant in parks and along roadsides in many parts of the world. It is highly resistant to cold and urban pollution, making it an ideal species for urban environments.

Cultivation and Uses

Pyracantha is cultivated for its ability to adapt to all types of soil and for its bright orange, red, or yellow fruits, which do not drop during the winter months. The dense clusters of white flowers that bloom in spring give way to fruits in autumn. It is easily propagated by cuttings and shows rapid growth.



Thanks to its dense, thorny structure and heavy branching, it performs excellently as a “living security hedge.” It is highly responsive to pruning, allowing it to be shaped along walls or maintained in a free form. While its fruits provide an important winter food source for birds, they are not recommended for raw consumption by humans. Due to its strong root system, it is also actively used for erosion control.