

Scarlet firethorn



Pyracantha coccinea, the scarlet firethorn is the European species of firethorn or red firethorn that has been cultivated in gardens since the late 16th century. The tree has small white flowers. It produces small, bright red berries. The fruit is bitter and astringent, making it inedible when raw. The fruit can be cooked to make jellies, jams, sauces and marmalade. It ranges from southern Europe to western Asia. It has been introduced to North America and cultivated there as an ornamental plant since the 18th century. In England, since the late of 18th century, it was used to cover unsightly walls.

Category: Outdoor fruits plants

Families: Rosaceae

Genus: Pyracantha

Species: coccinea

Geographical Area of Origin: Western Asia / Mediterranean Europe

Climatic Zones: Mediterranean: South and islands, hills. USDA 10 a

Habit: Shrub

Leaves: Ovate leaf

Colore Foglie: Verde 

Flowering Period: Maggio / Giugno

Flower: Corymb

Colore Fiori: Giallo  Bianco 

Favorite soil: Neutral / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

Water needs: Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Espalier

Colore Frutti: Rosso  Arancione 