



Pyracantha 'Teton'



Botanical Name: *Pyracantha* 'Teton'
(NA38450; PI427117)

Hardiness: USDA Zones 6b-8

Development: 'Teton' resulted from a controlled hybridization made in 1963 between *Pyracantha* 'Orange Glow' and *P. rogersiana* 'Flava'. It was selected in 1969 for its narrow upright growth habit and distinct vertical branching from the base. It was released in 1976 by Donald Egolf.

Significance: 'Teton' *Pyracantha* has a distinct vertical growth habit that produces a narrow hedge or screen without pruning. The abundant white inflorescences and yellow-orange fruit highlight this vertical growth. Furthermore, it has shown consistent outstanding field tolerance to scab and fireblight.

Description: **Height and width:** 13 feet tall and 6 feet wide.

Habit: Narrow upright shrub with strongly vertical branching from the base.

Foliage: Lush dark green foliage is semi-evergreen to evergreen.

Flowers: Abundant dense inflorescences with 20-35 cream-colored flowers appear in early spring.

Fruit: Clusters of yellow-orange fruit ripen in late August and persist into winter. Fruit turn a distinct red-orange when 'Teton' is grown in the northwestern U.S.

Propagation: Readily propagated by softwood, semi-hardwood, or hardwood cuttings under mist using 1000-5000 ppm IBA. Best rooting occurs in June, July, and August. Plants will fruit heavily by the second season to produce attractive container plants for retail sales.

Landscape Use: Use as a specimen to add height to the landscape, or plant as a barrier, hedge, or in highway medians. 'Teton' is well-suited to smaller spaces due to its narrow upright habit.

Availability: Currently limited availability. Interested wholesale growers may receive propagation material by contacting Kevin Conrad at the U.S. National Arboretum, Kevin.Conrad@ars.usda.gov