Pyracantha 'Teton'

(NA38450; PI427117)

USDA Zones 6b-8

'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.

'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.

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.


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

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