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# *Pyracantha* '**Mohave**'

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**The U.S. National Arboretum presents *Pyracantha* '**Mohave**', a plant with attitude!** Combining beauty with bravado, this tough plant conceals its "thorny" personality beneath a blanket of lovely white flowers in spring and enticing reddish-orange fruits from mid-August to winter. Espalier, barrier hedge, specimen: Use this striking plant in all of your difficult areas. You will be pleased!



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# 'Mohave' Firethorn

<b>Botanical Name:</b>	<i>Pyracantha</i> 'Mohave' (NA 32225; PI 347258)
<b>Family:</b>	Rosaceae
<b>Hardiness:</b>	U.S.D.A. Zone 6; evergreen in U.S.D.A. Zone 7.
<b>Development:</b>	'Mohave' resulted from a cross of <i>Pyracantha koidzumii</i> x <i>P. coccinea</i> 'Wyattii' in 1963. The seedling population displayed great uniformity in growth characteristics, except for one plant that was outstanding, with persistent foliage and brilliant orange-red fruit. It was named 'Mohave' and released in May, 1970.
<b>Significance:</b>	'Mohave' has become a staple <i>Pyracantha</i> cultivar in the nursery industry. Highly tolerant to the diseases of scab and fire blight, this heavily fruiting, evergreen to semi-evergreen plant succeeds in almost any landscape situation. It was awarded a Certificate of Preliminary Commendation as a hardy fruiting shrub by the Council of The Royal Horticultural Society, October, 1971.
<b>Description:</b>	<b>Height and Width:</b> 13 feet tall and 13 feet wide at 7 years. <b>Habit:</b> Semi-evergreen to evergreen, upright-branched, dense shrub with spines on leafy shoots. <b>Foliage:</b> Medium-sized, glossy dark green, leathery leaves. <b>Flowers:</b> White to creamy white small flowers in clusters (corymbs) on spurs and short shoots along branches of second year growth. <b>Fruit:</b> A pome. Abundant, brilliant orange-red fruit with waxy texture from mid-August to midwinter.
<b>Culture:</b>	'Mohave' tolerates dry soils and urban sites but does best in a sandy loam with a pH of 6.0–6.5. Grows well in full sun to partial shade, though flowering and fruiting are better in full sun.
<b>Propagation:</b>	Roots easily from softwood, semi-hardwood, or hardwood cuttings under mist, 1000–5000 ppm IBA solution, in 4–6 weeks.
<b>Landscape Use:</b>	Specimen, foundation planting, excellent barrier hedge, espalier, topiary.
<b>Availability:</b>	Readily available from wholesale nurseries, retail nurseries, and mail-order firms.

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