


European Mountain Ash *Sorbus aucuparia*



- **Plant Characteristics:** A small to medium-sized tree native to northern Europe and Asia. The most widely planted of all the mountain-ash species. Erect and oval in youth forming an ovate or spherical, gracefully open head at maturity. Often low branched and multi-stemmed.
- **Size:** Height: 20–30'
Width: 15–25'
- **Foliage:** Dull dark green and the fall color is red.
- **Flower:** Creamy-white, 1/3" across, flat-topped corymbs.
- **Fruit:** Small berry-like pome, clustered that is bright orange-red.
- **Soil:** Prefers well-drained loams. Short-lived on chalky and compacted soils.
- **Tolerances:** None.
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 3 
- **Light Range:** Full Sun
- **pH Range:** 4.5–7.5 pH
- **Other:**
 - Root system is medium in depth and spread.
 - Requires additional water during droughts.
 - Does not withstand ponding or water-logged soils.
 - Protect young trees from sunscald.
 - When cut yields poles and hoops for barrels.
 - Used for windbreaks.
 - Fruits are used by birds for food and also used for jams & jellies.