



# EUROPEAN MOUNTAIN ASH

*Sorbus aucuparia*



## IDENTIFICATION

Deciduous tree in the rose family. Reaches heights up to 50 ft. and 25 ft. wide. Bark is smooth, light, gray/brown. Pinnately compound alternate leaves are 5-9" long with serrated leaflets. In fall, leaf color is red/yellow. Clusters of small, white flowers appear late spring/early summer. Orange-red fruits are born in terminal clusters that ripen in fall.

## IMPACTS

This species has escaped ornamental plantings and is able to invade, integrate and dominate native plant communities. Thousands of seeds are produced per plant per year. Birds eat and spread the seeds that germinate readily. Seeds remain viable in the soil for five years or more.

## MANAGEMENT

Hand-pull small seedlings or dig up young trees. Can be effectively controlled using general-use herbicides. Always follow label and state requirements. Seek professional advice if necessary. Replace with Red Elderberry or Black Hawthorn.



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