ROSACEAE

*Sorbus scopulina* Greene  
*Sosc2*  
*Sitka mountain-ash*

*Sorbus sitchensis* Roemer  
*Sosi*  
*mountain-ash*

**FORM:** Erect, several-stemmed shrub, 1-4m (3-13ft) tall.

**BARK:** Sosc2: thin, light grey-red, smooth or slightly roughened by scales, inner bark fragrant.  
Sosi: young growth covered with rusty-red hairs, reddish-purple aging to greyish-red.

**BUDS:** Alternate.  
Sosc2: sticky, sparsely whitish-hairy.  
Sosi: covered with rusty red hairs.

**LEAVES:** Alternate, deciduous.  
Sosc2: narrow, 9-13 odd-pinnate leaflets, yellow-green, narrowly oblanceolate, 3-7cm (1-3in) long, acuminate at tip, finely serrate.  
Sosi: narrow, 7-11 odd-pinnate leaflets, 13-25cm (5-10in) long, leaflets, bluish-green, oblanceolate, 2.5-5cm (1-2in) long, rounded tip, coarsely serrate for not more than three-fourths of their length; often with rusty red hairs on bottom of leaflets.

**FLOWERS:** White.  
Sosc2: 70-200 flowers borne in large, dense flat-topped clusters, May-early July.  
Sosi: 15-80 borne in large rounded clusters; June-July.

**FRUIT:** Pome, 1cm.  
Sosc2: orange to scarlet, glossy globe-shaped.  
Sosi: round, crimson with glaucous cast, very bitter.

**NOTES:** Sosc2 and Sosi may hybridize with each other and with escaped *Sorbus aucuparia* (European mountain-ash).