

Bartlettina sordida

COMMON NAME

Bartlettina

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Bartlettina sordida (Less.) R.M.King & H.Rob.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Erect shrub that grows to about 2 m high. Stems are clothed with dense reddish-purple striped hairs. The leaves are large (to 25 x 25 cm) ovate and densely hairy . Purple-red flowers are produced November to January.

SIMILAR TAXA

This shrub is easily distinguished by its large hairy leaves, the reddish-purple hairs on the stems and the clustered purple-red flowers.

FLOWERING

November, December, January

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial; seeds produced in profusion (DOC Auckland 1998); dispersed by wind and people moving plants.

YEAR NATURALISED

1984

ORIGIN

Mexico

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

sordida: From the Latin sordidus 'dull', 'dirty'

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/bartlettina-sordida/>



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