

Actinidia chinensis var. deliciosa

COMMON NAME

kiwifruit

SYNONYMS

Actinidia deliciosa (A.Chev.) C.F.Liang & A.R.Ferguson

FAMILY

Actinidiaceae

AUTHORITY

Actinidia chinensis var. *deliciosa* A.Chev.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

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CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Vigorous, dioecious, densely hairy vine. Shoots have shaggy, reddish, simple hairs when young. Petioles reddish tomentous, very variable in length but usually less than lamina. Lamina to about 14 X 14 cm, broadly ovate, with tomentum of whitish hairs beneath, also with simple scattered reddish hairs but becoming almost hairless above, margins denticulate or ciliate. White flowers to about 6 cm across (larger on female than male plants). Fruit 4-8 x 3-4 cm, brown and hairy with green flesh and numerous small black seeds.

SIMILAR TAXA

Quite similar to *A. chinensis*, is easily identified by the distinctive coat of red hairs on young shoots.

FLOWERING

October, November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1982

ORIGIN

S. China

ETYMOLOGY

actinidia: From the Greek aktis 'ray' or 'star', referring to the star-like flowers or rayed stigmas of the female blooms



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Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial.

MORE INFORMATION

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