

Cestrum fasciculatum

COMMON NAME

red cestrum

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Cestrum fasciculatum (Schltdl.) Miers

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Shrub 2-4 m high. Shoots and petioles densely covered in purplish hairs. Petiole to 4 cm long. Lamina 4-15 X 2.5-7.5 cm, narrow to broad-ovate or ovate-elliptic, hairy; base cuneate to rounded; apex acute or shortly acuminate. Panicle dense; peduncles purple, hairy; flowers sessile or subsessile, scentless. Calyx 0.7-1cm long, hairy outside; lobes c. 2 mm long, +/- triangular, acute. Corolla (1.2)-1.5-2-(2.5) cm long, scarlet; tube funnelform with cylindric base, constricted at apex, densely hairy outside, glabrous inside. Fruit uncommon, 0.7-1.4 cm diam., +/- subglobose to broad-obovoid, dark red. (Webb et al 1988). Leaves with an unpleasant smell.

SIMILAR TAXA

Vegetatively very similar to *C. elegans*. However in *C. fasciculatum* the corolla tube is densely hairy outside, usually scarlet, occasionally rosy purple. In *C. elegans* the corolla tube is glabrous and rosy magenta or deep rose.

FLOWERING

August, September, October, November, December, January, February, March

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

Mexico

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cestrum-fasciculatum/>

