

# Hibiscus tiliaceus

## COMMON NAME

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## FAMILY

Malvaceae

## AUTHORITY

Hibiscus tiliaceus L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Exotic

2004 | Exotic

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

1964

## ORIGIN

Pantropical

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Unknown

## ETYMOLOGY

**hibiscus:** Name of very ancient origin used by the Roman poet Virgil for the marsh mallow plant.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson AT, Smith HA. 1986. Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd, Buckenhill, UK.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hibiscus-tiliaceus/>



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