

Inga edulis

COMMON NAME

Icecream bean

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Inga edulis Mart.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Locally established under and near a large parent tree growing in the grounds of the Mt Albert Research Centre, Mt Albert, Auckland. Numerous seedlings and saplings. Plants possibly spreading across that campus through seed pods that are being moved by curious people.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

FRUITING

March - August

LIFE CYCLE

Long lived tree. Reproduces Exclusively by seed, a long lived. Hard shelled bean which forms a large seed bank. Seeds are dispersed by gravity and by humans tossing fruits/seeds.

YEAR NATURALISED

2007

ORIGIN

South America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Cold intolerant

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/inga-edulis/>



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