

# Kolkwitzia amabilis

## COMMON NAME

Beauty bush

## FAMILY

Caprifoliaceae

## AUTHORITY

Kolkwitzia amabilis Graebn.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Large deciduous, arching shrub with hanging branches. Opposite, simple, ovate leaves are either entire or with a few sparse shallow teeth. Dull green above, paler below. Pink bell-shaped flowers in showy numerous clusters. Fruit a hairy, bristly capsule. Bark light brown, splitting vertically, eventually peeling and exfoliating.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

1982

## ORIGIN

C. China

## ETYMOLOGY

**amabilis:** From the Latin amare, 'to love', amabilis can be translated as 'worthy of love' or 'pleasing', botany was also called scientia amabilis 'the pleasing science'

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kolkwitzia-amabilis/>

