

Leucosceptrum canum

COMMON NAME

hairy white-wand

SYNONYMS

Clerodendrum leucosceptrum D.Don Teucrium leucosceptrum(D.Don)
Voigt

FAMILY

Lamiaceae

AUTHORITY

Leucosceptrum canum Sm.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Shrub with usually multiple erect stems; mature leaves dull green, glabrous above, woolly-white below; obscurely crenate margins. Corolla cream-white; flowers noted for containing brown nectar, attractive to birds, insects.

SIMILAR TAXA

The stems and leaves are rather similar to those of some Buddleja species, such as *B. davidii*.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

YEAR NATURALISED

2018

ORIGIN

Native to south-western China (Sichuan, Tibet, Yunnan), the eastern Himalayas (Nepal, Bhutan, Assam, Nagaland, Bangladesh), and northern Indochina (Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Vietnam) [Wikipedia]

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/leucosceptrum-canum/>



Planted in sheep pasture near Fordell, Whanganui; seedlings found nearby in 2018. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 28/10/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Planted in sheep pasture near Fordell, Whanganui; immature fruiting head. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 28/10/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.