

Maytenus boaria

COMMON NAME

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FAMILY

Celastraceae

AUTHORITY

Maytenus boaria Molina

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Occurs in the understorey of open native bush, among scrub and grasses (Heenan et al 1999).

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

Temperate S. America

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](#).

Life Cycle Comments

Possibly dioecious (Cartman and McCombs 2002), Spreads by roots, suckers and possibly seed.

Reproduction

Spreads aggressively by root suckers and seed. (Heenan et al 1999).

Seed

Female plants produce small fruits with red oily flesh and one to two seeds inside (Cartman and McCombs 2002)

Dispersal

Birds.

Tolerances

Seedlings are able to grow in very low light (Cartman and McCombs 2002)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/maytenus-boaria/>



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