

Odontonema tubaeforme

COMMON NAME

Cardinal flower, Ffre spike

FAMILY

Acanthaceae

AUTHORITY

Odontonema tubaeforme (Bertol.) Kuntze

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DISTRIBUTION

Exotic. In New Zealand recorded sparingly naturalised at Doubtless Bay (Coopers Beach), Kaitaia, and Auckland.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

LIFE CYCLE

Most New Zealand occurrences stem from vegetative spread, the plants arising from poorly disposed of garden waste. However seedlings have also been collected at one site near Cooper's Beach.

YEAR NATURALISED

2005

ORIGIN

Central America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Frost tender

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/odontonema-tubaeforme/>



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