

# Olea europaea subsp. europaea

## COMMON NAME

European olive

## FAMILY

Oleaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Olea europaea* L. subsp. *europaea*

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWERING

Sep-Dec in NZ

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1970

## ORIGIN

E Afr to S Afr

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Olives as food

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Agricultural.

## REPRODUCTION

Seed. Some of the common cultivated varieties like Manzanillo and Kalamata are derived from *O. europaea* subsp. *europaea* so can set prolific amounts of large fruit.

## DISPERSAL

Birds.

## ATTRIBUTION

Cameron, Ewen K 2017. Naturalised African olives (*Olea europaea* subsp. *cuspidata*) in New Zealand. Auckland Botanical Soc. Journal 72(1): 71-76.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olea-europaea-subsp-europaea/>



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