

# Prunus persica

## COMMON NAME

peach

## FAMILY

Rosaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Prunus persica* (L.) Batsch

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

PRUPER

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial. Light demanding (West, 1996). Grassy and scrub-covered hillsides, roadsides, tracks, railways, wasteland (Webb et al., 1988).

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A small, spreading, deciduous tree up to 4m; 5 pink petals; round, greenish yellow to red fruit 50-80mm long; stone deeply pitted and furrowed (Webb et al., 1988).

## FLOWERING

August, September, October

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## YEAR NATURALISED

1869

## ORIGIN

China

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/prunus-persica/>



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