

Sarcococca ruscifolia

COMMON NAME

Sweet box

FAMILY

Buxaceae

AUTHORITY

Sarcococca ruscifolia Stapf

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Evergreen shrub, 1-4 m tall, erect, densely branched. Leaf lanceolate 20-30 mm × 7-12 mm, somewhat leathery, bright green above, lighter green below; tip acuminate. Monoecious with flowers in short racemes; flowers white, fragrant. Fruit fleshy, 7-8 mm diameter, scarlet, terminating with 2-3 persistent styles

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Flowers in winter with scarlet fruit soon after

YEAR NATURALISED

2017

ORIGIN

China

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ATTRIBUTION

http://www.efloras.org/florataxon.aspx?flora_id=3&taxon_id=129205

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

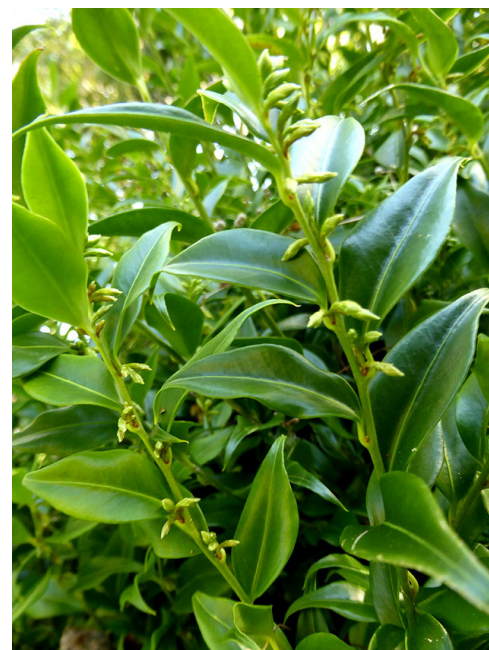
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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sarcococca-ruscifolia/>



Unripe fruit (abundant seedlings nearby) on planted specimen; garden Bushy Park near Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 10/04/2017, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Flower buds (abundant seedlings nearby) on planted specimen; garden at Bushy Park near Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 10/04/2017, Licence: CC BY-NC.