

Berberis vulgaris

COMMON NAME

European barbery

FAMILY

Berberidaceae

AUTHORITY

Berberis vulgaris L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

BERVUL

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small deciduous shrub to about 2m. Spines generally 3-partite. Petiole to about 1 cm lamina up to 8 x 2.5 cm, but generally much smaller than this. Leaves with obvious veins and serrulate margins. Medium yellow flowers in racemes. Berries ripening to crimson-scarlet, oblong and up to 11 mm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Similar in general appearance to *B. wilsonae*, but *B. vulgaris* has petiolate leaves, with obvious venation and serrulate margins.

FLOWERING

October, November

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1875

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

berberis: From the Arabic name berberys

Reproduction

Seed and suckering.

Seed

prolific.

Dispersal

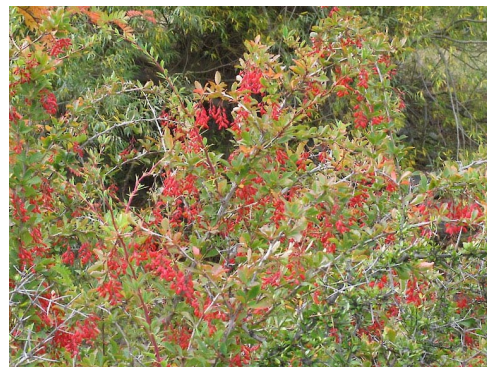
Birds, people

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/berberis-vulgaris/>



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