

Caesalpinia decapetala

COMMON NAME

Mysore thorn

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Caesalpinia decapetala (Roth) Alston

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Spinous scrambling shrub to c. 15m tall; twigs moderately to densely puberulent, finely ribbed, rounded. Lvs 2-paripinnate; pinnae in (3)-5-10 pairs; leaflets with fine, usually appressed hairs, oblong, obtuse, entire, shortly petiolulate, 8-20mm long, in 6-12 pairs; stipules ovate-lanceolate, deciduous; spines broad-based, recurved, present on stem and if-rachis. infl. axillary or terminal, racemose, many-flowered, >lvs; bracts and bracteoles deciduous. Calyx teeth unequal, rounded. Corolla pale yellow, c. 15mm long. Pod broad, oblong, tardily dehiscent, few-seeded, 7-10 x 2-3 cm; seeds smooth, mottled brown, 8-10mm long. (Webb.et.al.1988)

FLOWERING

November

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial.

YEAR NATURALISED

1965

ORIGIN

India

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

caesalpinia: After Andrea Cesalpino (1525-1603) an Italian botanist, philosopher and physician

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/caesalpinia-decapetala/>

