

# Caesalpinia spinosa

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

Caesalpinia spinosa Kuntze

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

A cultivation escape. Collected on the lower slopes of Mt Wellington, Auckland, in an old arboretum, as numerous seedlings and saplings in and around parent tree, on an adjacent basalt wall and in slope roadside.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Yellow

## YEAR NATURALISED

2006

## ETYMOLOGY

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

**spinosa:** Spiny

## Reason For Introduction

Horticultural.

## Life Cycle Comments

Tree

## Reproduction

Exclusively by seed

## Seed

Large, long-lived, hard-shelled seeds held in large pods.

## Dispersal

Gravity and probably by water. People may pick the pods and so disperse seeds by discarding them

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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