

# Aucuba japonica

## COMMON NAMES

Gold dust tree, Japanense laurel, spotted laurel

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple

## GENUS

Aucuba

## FAMILY

Cornaceae

## AUTHORITY

Aucuba japonica Thunb.

## ORIGIN

Japan. All wild gatherings seen to date are of the yellow-spotted cultivar.

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Reproduces by seed, fleshy fruits and dispersed by birds and gravity.

## ETYMOLOGY

**aucuba**: Derived from the Japanese name for this plant

**japonica**: Of Japan

## NVS CODE

AUCJAP

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/aucuba-japonica/>

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