

Caesalpinia spinosa

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Yellow

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.

GENUS

Caesalpinia

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Caesalpinia spinosa Kuntze

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural.

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Tree. Reproduces exclusively by seed. Large, long-lived, hard-shelled seeds held in large pods. Dispersed by gravity and probably by water. People may pick the pods and so disperse seeds by discarding them

ETYMOLOGY

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

spinosa: Spiny

MORE INFORMATION

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

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