

Cassia leptophylla

COMMON NAMES

gold medallion tree

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

HABITAT

Usually found in parks or old gardens in the warmer parts of the country. Seedlings, spalings and full established reproductive adults are mostly found in steep gullies abutting parks in Auckland City

GENUS

Cassia

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Cassia leptophylla Vog.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

ORIGIN

Brazil

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Cold intolerant

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Long-lived tree which reproduces exclusively by seed. Seeds are hard-shelled, long-lived, making an extensive seed bank. Dispersed by gravity, possibly water, and by humans (especially children) tossing fruits.

ETYMOLOGY

leptophylla: Slender leaf

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cassia-leptophylla/>

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Immature fruit. Auckland. May 2007.
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