Cassia leptophylla

COMMON NAME

gold medallion tree

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Cassia leptophylla Vog.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular - Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

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

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

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.

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

ORIGIN

Brazil

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Cold intolerant

ETYMOLOGY

leptophylla: Slender leaf

MORE INFORMATION

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





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