

Citrus limon

COMMON NAMES

lemon

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

HABITAT

Usually found in indigenous forest remnants on the margins of old bullock trails, or along roadsides, more rarely in urban situations.

GENUS

Citrus

FAMILY

Rutaceae

AUTHORITY

Citrus limon (L.) Burm.f.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FRUITING

Fruits present throughout the year

YEAR NATURALISED

1992

ORIGIN

Unknown. believed to be of hybrid origin between lime (*Citrus aurantiifolia*) and *C. medica*

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Fruit and ornamental

TOLERANCES

Cold sensitive - rather drought tolerant

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Long-lived small tree. Seed is long-lived, it seems to germinate best when passed through the gut of an animal. However, viable seed is only occasionally produced. Dispersed by gravity and by humans tossing fruits or spitting out seeds

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/citrus-limon/>



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