

Citrus sinensis

COMMON NAME

Orange

FAMILY

Rutaceae

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Trees & Shrubs

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not assessed

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

FEATURES

Tree to about 10 m with rounded crown. Spines on main trunk and branches. Entire or slightly crenulate leaves to 15 x 7 cm on petioles to 2.5 cm. White flowers held in small bunches. Fruit ripening to 5-7 cm diameter, bright orange peel dotted with oil glands.

SIMILAR TAXA

Many cultivars of oranges are cultivated as well as several other species. Presence of thorns, round fruit with bright orange smooth peel are characteristic of *C. sinensis*.

FLOWERING

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

White

FRUITING

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

YEAR NATURALISED

1983

ORIGIN

S. China

Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

Reproduction

Seed

Seed

Prolific in warmer areas.

MORE INFORMATION

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



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