

Cordyline rubra

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Monocotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

ORIGIN

Australia - eastern Australia (Queensland)

ETYMOLOGY

cordyline: From the Greek kordyle 'club'

rubra: Red

Reason For Introduction

Probably horticultural - however it arrived here rather early in New Zealand's recorded history. It is possibly partly indigenous.

Life Cycle Comments

Long-lived shrub to small tree

Reproduction

By vegetative extension, root suckering and from seed

Seed

Fleshy bird dispersed fruits.

Dispersal

bird dispersed seed. Plants often establish through careless disposal of garden waste

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cordyline-rubra/>



Trunks and new growth. Mar 2007.

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