Cydonia oblonga

COMMON NAMES
quince

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
Red/Pink, White

DETAILED DESCRIPTION
Large shrub or small tree up to 5-(8) m high and several m in diam.

HABITAT
Old cultivation sites and settlements reverting to scrub.

GENUS
Cydonia

FAMILY
Rosaceae

AUTHORITY
Cydonia oblonga Mill.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

FLOWERING
September, October, November

FRUITING
February to April

YEAR NATURALISED
1922

ORIGIN
S.W. Asia

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Agricultural

ETYMOLOGY
cydonia: A name given by the ancients to the common quince, which grew in abundance in Cydon, Crete
oblonga: Oblong

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cydonia-oblonga/

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