

Hibiscus tiliaceus

COMMON NAME

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FAMILY

Malvaceae

AUTHORITY

Hibiscus tiliaceus L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Exotic

2004 | Exotic

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1964

ORIGIN

Pantropical

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Unknown

ETYMOLOGY

hibiscus: Name of very ancient origin used by the Roman poet Virgil for the marsh mallow plant.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hibiscus-tiliaceus/>



Flowers, Titikaveka, Rarotonga, Aug 2006,.
Photographer: Peter de Lange



Flowers and buds, Avarua, Rarotonga.
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