Indigofera decora

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
Red/Pink, White

GENUS
Indigofera

FAMILY
Fabaceae

AUTHORITY
Indigofera decora Lindl.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

YEAR NATURALISED
1989

ORIGIN
China, Japan

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Accidental

Indigofera decora flowers and young foliage, ex. cult., University of Auckland. Photographer: Peter J de Lange, Date taken: 18/06/2006, Licence: CC BY-NC.

ETYMOLOGY
indigofera: From the Latin indigo ‘blue dye’ (from indicus ‘India’ where the dye originated) and fero ‘to produce’ (Johnson and Smith, 1986).
decora: Beautiful

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/indigofera-decora/

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