

# Ligustrum vulgare

## COMMON NAMES

common privet

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## SIMILAR TAXA

Plant moderately deciduous; leaf midrib glabrose; anthers yellow.

## GENUS

Ligustrum

## FAMILY

Oleaceae

## AUTHORITY

Ligustrum vulgare L.

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1872

## ORIGIN

Europe

## POISONOUS PLANT

Poisonous purplish-black berries.

## ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

**This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC.** 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

## NVS CODE

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ligustrum-vulgare/>

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