

Lonicera ligustrina var. yunnanensis Franch.

COMMON NAMES

hedge honeysuckle

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Usually growing as a densely branched shrub with small glossy leaves in opposite pairs; most often trimmed for topiary or hedges. Few records of spontaneously seedlings in New Zealand.

SIMILAR TAXA

Sometimes confused with another, but unrelated, hedge and topiary plant, *Buxus sempervirens*.

GENUS

Lonicera

FAMILY

Caprifoliaceae

AUTHORITY

Lonicera ligustrina var. *yunnanensis* Franch.

SYNONYMS

Lonicera nitida

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

W. China

ETYMOLOGY

yunnanensis: Meaning 'from Yunnan', a province in southern China

ATTRIBUTION

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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lonicera-ligustrina-var-yunnanensis-franch/>

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Seedling from an urban 'gravel garden' in Whanganui. There are few records of this hedge lonicera producing seedlings spontaneously in New Zealand. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 14/06/2026, Licence: CC BY-SA.