

Malvaviscus arboreus var. arboreus

COMMON NAME

Turk's cap

FAMILY

Malvaceae

AUTHORITY

Malvaviscus arboreus Cav. var. arboreus

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Spreading shrub to 3 m high, often spreading vegetatively by layering. Leaves not lobed or shallowly 3-lobed, velvety to touch, 5-15 cm long. Flowers, axillary, solitary or few in fascicles; petals scarlet, 20-35 mm long. Fruit fleshy, red, 1-3 cm diameter.

FLOWERING

June, July, August, September, October, November, December, January, February

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

Tropical and sub-tropical America

ETYMOLOGY

arboreus: From the Latin arbor 'tree', meaning tree-like

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial. Have seen fruit; potentially significant weed.

Reproduction

Spreads by layering.

Tolerances

Shade tolerant.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/malvaviscus-arboreus-var-arboreus/>



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