

# Odontonema tubaeforme

## COMMON NAMES

Cardinal flower, Ffre spike

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## DISTRIBUTION

Exotic. In New Zealand recorded sparingly naturalised at Doubtless Bay (Coopers Beach), Kaitaia, and Auckland.

## GENUS

Odontonema

## FAMILY

Acanthaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Odontonema tubaeforme* (Bertol.) Kuntze

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

2005

## ORIGIN

Central America

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## TOLERANCES

Frost tender

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Most New Zealand occurrences stem from vegetative spread, the plants arising from poorly disposed of garden waste. However seedlings have also been collected at one site near Cooper's Beach.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/odontonema-tubaeforme/>

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