

Persea americana

COMMON NAMES

Avocado

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

GENUS

Persea

FAMILY

Lauraceae

AUTHORITY

Persea americana Mill.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1989

ORIGIN

Mexico

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Avocado is a popular fruit and the large seeds readily germinate when they are discarded (Webb et al. 1995)

ETYMOLOGY

americana: Of South America

NVS CODE

PERAME

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/persea-americana/>

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