

Pittosporum undulatum

COMMON NAME

sweet pittosporum

FAMILY

Pittosporaceae

AUTHORITY

Pittosporum undulatum Vent.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

SIMILAR TAXA

Can be distinguished from all indigenous NZ species and other species in cultivation by the combination of the following characters, Petioles purplish; lamina to 15 x 5 cm, elliptic, strongly undulate; fls in terminal panicles, very fragrant; petals 10-12 mm long, almost white, reflexing; capsules 1-1.5 cm diam., subglobose before dehiscence, orange; seeds deep orange and extremely viscid (Webb et al 1988).

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1970

ORIGIN

S.E. Australia

ETYMOLOGY

pittosporum: Pitch seed

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Reproduction

Reproduces from seed, also can re-sprout from wind damage in Jamaica (P. Bellingham pers com.)

Dispersal

Seed is dispersed by birds (Webb et al 1988, Heenan et al 2002)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pittosporum-undulatum/>

