

Prunus campanulata

COMMON NAMES

bell-flowered cherry, Taiwan cherry

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous small tree up to 8 m high. Leaves cherry-like, usually 60-130 by 20-60 mm, thin and on 12-20 mm petioles. Leaves rounded at base, broadly elliptic with sharp point at tip, small teeth along entire leaf margin. Deep red bell-shaped flowers in clusters of 2-3. Fruit up to 12 x 10 mm, glossy scarlet, glabrous.

SIMILAR TAXA

The bell shaped flowers distinguish this spp. from all other naturalised Prunus in NZ

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Prunus

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Prunus campanulata Maxim.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

July, August, September

YEAR NATURALISED

1988

ORIGIN

East Asia

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial.



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ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC. 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/prunus-campanulata/>

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