Rhaphiolepis indica

COMMON NAMES
Indian hawthorn

BIOSTATUS
Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS
Not applicable

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION
Erect evergreen shrub; leaves coriaceous, crenate margins, semi-acute leaf tips

FLOWER COLOURS
Red/Pink, White

SIMILAR TAXA
Compared with R. umbellata, R. indica has somewhat thinner leaves with acute tips (not rounded), and obvious crenations around most of the margins rather than the entire or obscurely toothed leaves of R. umbellata.

GENUS
Rhaphiolepis

FAMILY
Rosaceae

AUTHORITY
Rhaphiolepis indica (L.) Lindl. ex Ker Gawl.

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

FLOWERING
Sept-Oct (NZ)

YEAR NATURALISED
2006

ORIGIN
southern China, Japan, Laos, Cambodia, Thailand and Vietnam (Wikipedia)

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION
Ornamental and hedging

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rhaphiolepis-indica/

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