

# Schefflera actinophylla

## COMMON NAMES

octopus tree, lipstick palm

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

## GENUS

Schefflera

## FAMILY

Araliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Schefflera actinophylla* (Endl.) Harms

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

2005

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Horticultural

## ETYMOLOGY

**schefflera**: Named in honour of Jacob Christian Scheffler, an 18th-century German botanist who wrote about *Asarum* (wild ginger).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/schefflera-actinophylla/>

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