

Schinus molle

COMMON NAME

Pepper tree

FAMILY

Anacardiaceae

AUTHORITY

Schinus molle L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Widespreading, glabrous, or minutely puberulent tree to c.10m high, with gnarled and twisted trunk when mature.

FLOWERING

December, January, February

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1983

ORIGIN

Peruvian Andes

Reason For Introduction

Horticultural

Life Cycle Comments

Long-lived tree

Reproduction

By seed

Seed

Fleshy bird dispersed fruits - seed long-lived.

Dispersal

Bird dispersed and by gravity.

Tolerances

Cold and drought tolerant

Poisonous plant:

The pink berries are poisonous if eaten.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/schinus-molle/>



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