

# Schinus molle

## COMMON NAME

Pepper tree

## FAMILY

Anacardiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Schinus molle L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FEATURES

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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