

# Sophora howinsula

## COMMON NAME

Lord Howe kōwhai

## FAMILY

Fabaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Sophora howinsula* (W.R.B.Oliv.) P.S.Green

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

Long lived shrub or small tree; reproduces exclusively by seed. Seeds are abundantly produced, hard-shelled. A long-lived seed-bank is formed. Dispersal is by water, gravity and careless disposal of fruiting material

## YEAR NATURALISED

2007

## ORIGIN

Lord Howe Island - this species has long been grown in New Zealand under the name *S. tetraptera* "Otari Gnome"

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## TOLERANCES

Moderately hardy

## ETYMOLOGY

**sophora:** After the Arabic name for a similar tree

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sophora-howinsula/>

