

Sophora howinsula

COMMON NAMES

Lord Howe kōwhai

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

GENUS

Sophora

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

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ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2007

ORIGIN

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

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Moderately hardy

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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.

ETYMOLOGY

sophora: After the Arabic name for a similar tree

MORE INFORMATION

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

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