

Syzygium paniculatum

SYNONYMS

Eugenia paniculata Gaertn. J.Britt. nom. illeg.

FAMILY

Myrtaceae

AUTHORITY

Syzygium paniculatum Gaertn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A dense bushy tree to 15 m tall. Leaves are 3–9 cm long, opposite, obovate, tapering at the leaf base; dark glossy green above, paler below. Flowers with white stamens and petals. The edible fruit is usually magenta, but can be white, pink or purple.

HABITAT

Self establishes freely in shade, including native forest, parks, gardens

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[Key to the Myrtaceae of New Zealand](#)

SIMILAR TAXA

Syzygium australe q.v. (under which name *S. paniculatum* is sometimes sold, erroneously). The two can be distinguished even when young from the leafy twigs, which in *S. paniculatum* have smooth internodes above and below the nodes, whereas *S. australe* has its leafy twigs “generally 4-angled or shortly 4-winged, pairs of wings running down from each petiole but amalgamating and forming a pocket or hump above the next lower pair of leaves.”

http://keys.trin.org.au/key-server/data/0e0f0504-0103-430d-8004-060d07080d04/media/Html/taxon/Syzygium_australe.htm

S. australe appears to be a lot less common in cultivation than *S. paniculatum* and, compared with the latter, wild seedlings are uncommon in *S. australe*.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

THREATS

This taxon may be prone to Myrtle Rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus which threatens myrtle species - learn more myrtlerust.org.nz

ETYMOLOGY

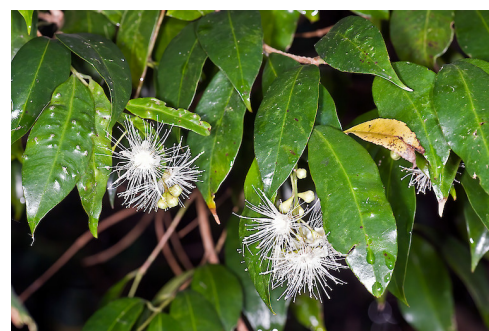
syzygium: From the Greek syzygos ‘joined’, referring to the paired leaves

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/syzygium-paniculatum/>



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