

# Tamarix chinensis

## COMMON NAME

Chinese tamarisk

## FAMILY

Tamaricaceae

## AUTHORITY

Tamarix chinensis Lour.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub or small tree to 10m tall, forming dense thickets. Slender branches which tend to droop, with smooth reddish-brown bark on young branches. Leaves are scale-like, about 2.5 mm long, with broad sheathing bases. The flower heads are a large broad terminal panicle composed of numerous spike-like racemes 2-5 cm long, appearing well after the leaves and on the current season's growth. The flowers are pink about 2mm long, with 5 petals and a disc of 5 rounded dark red lobes. The capsule is c. 8mm long; pyramidal.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Flowers numerous, in terminal panicles on the current seasons growth

## FLOWERING

December, January, February, March, April

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## YEAR NATURALISED

1968

## ORIGIN

China

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/tamarix-chinensis/>



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