

Tamarix chinensis

COMMON NAMES

Chinese tamarisk

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

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

GENUS

Tamarix

FAMILY

Tamaricaceae

AUTHORITY

Tamarix chinensis Lour.

FLOWERING

December, January, February, March, April

YEAR NATURALISED

1968

ORIGIN

China

NVS CODE

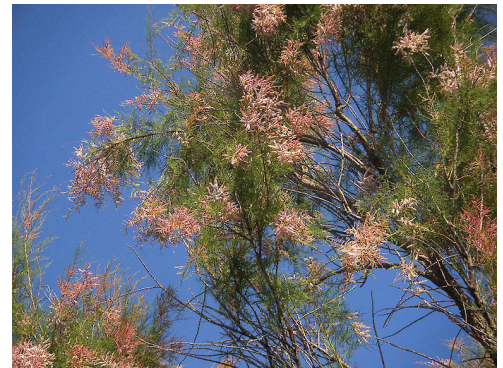
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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/tamarix-chinensis/>

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