

# Taxus baccata

## COMMON NAME

yew

## FAMILY

Taxaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Taxus baccata* L.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

## NVS CODE

TAXBAC

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Leaves petiolate, which provide a ready means of distinguishing young plants of yew from miro (*Prumnopitys ferruginea*) in which each leaf lamina is continuous with the stem at its base. Poisonous.

## FLOWERING

Dioecious

## FRUITING

Seed is surrounded by a fleshy red aril

## YEAR NATURALISED

1968

## ORIGIN

Europe, N. Africa, W. Asia E. to Himalaya

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental and for hedging. Poisonous

### Poisonous plant:

All parts of this plant are poisonous including the red “berries” with the green seed.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/taxus-baccata/>



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