

Taxus baccata

COMMON NAMES

yew

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Gymnosperms

SIMPLIFIED 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.

GENUS

Taxus

FAMILY

Taxaceae

AUTHORITY

Taxus baccata L.

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.

NVS CODE

TAXBAC

MORE INFORMATION

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

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