

Tecomaria capensis

COMMON NAMES

Cape honeysuckle

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Vigorous hedge plant with bright orange flowers, a strong tendency to ramble if left uncut, and ability to layer itself indefinitely away from the original hedge site.

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

GENUS

Tecomaria

FAMILY

Bignoniaceae

AUTHORITY

Tecomaria capensis Spach

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

South Africa

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental.

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Perennial woody vine. Vegetative spread through layering. Seed capsules are occasionally formed and this some evidence that seed is viable. Capsules are frequently produced but rarely carry viable seed. Wind dispersed.



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ENVIRONMENTAL WEED (2024)

This plant is named in a list of 386 environmental weeds in New Zealand 2024 prepared by DOC. 759 candidate species were considered for inclusion on this new comprehensive list of environmental weeds in New Zealand. The species considered were drawn from published lists of weed species, lists of plants that must be reported or managed by law if observed, existing national and regional programmes and agreements for pest management, and species already managed by the Department of Conservation (DOC). Candidate species were then assessed to see if they were fully naturalised and whether they have more than minor impacts in natural ecosystems. Read the full report [here](#).

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/tecomaria-capensis/>

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