

Rhaphiolepis umbellata

COMMON NAME

sexton's bride

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Rhaphiolepis umbellata (Thunb.) Makino

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub to about 3 m high. Leaves distributed along younger stems, petiole 10-15mm, with the upper part meeting a tapering lower leaf. Pale brown tomentose at first but becoming glabrous on both surfaces. Inflorescence an erect terminal, with c. 20 flowers. Sepals pilose, purplish or reddish. Petals white, filaments pink. (summary of Webb et al 1988)

FLOWERING

July, August, September, October, November, December

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

FRUITING

March- April

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. 6 months flowering, 6 months fruiting.

YEAR NATURALISED

1982

ORIGIN

Japan, Korea

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Can invade poor soils so is a species to watch (Ewen Cameron 1996)

ETYMOLOGY

umbellata: Bearing flowers in umbels

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rhaphiolepis-umbellata/>



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