

Robinia pseudoacacia

COMMON NAMES

black locust, false acacia

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

Robinia pseudoacacia L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

ROBPSE

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous tree up to 25 m high. The compound pinnate leaves are 20-30 cm long, bearing 12-15 elliptic leaflets arising more or less opposite one another. Branches are scattered with sharp, stipular spines c. 1 cm long. Inflorescence is a raceme with numerous white flowers, each about 1 cm long.

FLOWERING

November, December, January

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Seed and vegetative spread by suckering.

YEAR NATURALISED

1870

ORIGIN

C. and E. North America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

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](#).

MORE INFORMATION



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