

# Olea europaea subsp. europaea

## COMMON NAMES

European olive, African olive

## FAMILY

Oleaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Olea europaea* L. subsp. *europaea*

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## FLOWERING

Sep-Dec in NZ

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## LIFE CYCLE

Reproduces by seed. Some of the common cultivated varieties like Manzanillo and Kalamata are derived from *O. europaea* subsp. *europaea* so can set prolific amounts of large fruit. Dispersed by birds.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1970

## ORIGIN

E Afr to S Afr

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Agriculture

## 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](#).

## ATTRIBUTION

Cameron, Ewen K 2017. Naturalised African olives (*Olea europaea* subsp. *cuspidata*) in New Zealand. Auckland Botanical Soc. Journal 72(1): 71-76.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olea-europaea-subsp-europaea/>

## PDF DATE

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