

# Gaudium laevigatum

## COMMON NAMES

Victorian tea tree

## SYNONYMS

*Leptospermum laevigatum* (Gaertn.) F.Muell.

## FAMILY

Myrtaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Gaudium laevigatum* (Gaertn.) Peter G.Wilson

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to the Myrtaceae of New Zealand](#)

## SIMILAR TAXA

It is easily distinguished from the New Zealand species by the almost oblong leaves and the capsules contain 7–10 cells. *Leptospermum scoparium* has narrow-lanceolate or ovate leaves and capsules contain 5 cells.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## THREATS

This taxon may be prone to Myrtle Rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus which threatens myrtle species. Learn more [myrtlerust.org.nz](http://myrtlerust.org.nz).

## YEAR NATURALISED

1982

## ORIGIN

S.E. Australia, Tasmania

## 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

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaudium-laevigatum/>

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