

Cestrum aurantiacum

COMMON NAME

orange cestrum

FAMILY

Solanaceae

AUTHORITY

Cestrum aurantiacum Lindl.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

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CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Shrub to c.2m high. Lvs glabrous. Petiole 1-5 cm long. Lamina 4-15 x 2-7 cm, oblong-ovate; branches puberulent or glabrate; fls sessile or shortly pedicellate, scentless. Calyx tube 6-8 mm long; lobes subulate-accumbent, 0.7-2mm long, ciliate in sinuses. Corolla 2-2.5 cm long, orange; tube +/- cylindric-funnelform; lobes c.3mm long, puberulent inside, becoming strongly reflexed, acuminate. Fr. c. 1.5x2cm, +/- broadly ellipsoid, white; apex truncate. (Webb.et.al.1988)

SIMILAR TAXA

Flowers scentless, corolla orange

FLOWERING

November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June, July.

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange

LIFE CYCLE

Perennial. Seeds as well as suckers, although fruits are uncommon.

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

Guatemala

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](#).



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