

Fatsia japonica

COMMON NAME

fatsia

FAMILY

Araliaceae

AUTHORITY

Fatsia japonica (Thunb.) Decne. & Planch.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

FATJAP

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Tree (up to 6 m) with large leaves and a green-black spherical berry 5-8mm diameter (Rogan, 1997).

FLOWERING

March, April, May

FLOWER COLOURS

White

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

Japan, S. Korea

ETYMOLOGY

fatsia: From the Japanese name for this shrub Fatsi

japonica: Of Japan

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Dispersal

Seed is dispersed a reasonable distance probably by birds e.g. starlings, blackbirds, mynas, song thrushes, kereru (Rogan, 1997).

Tolerances

High shade tolerance (Rogan, 1997). Frost hardy tolerating temperatures down to -5 C (Rogan, 1997).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/fatsia-japonica/>



Fatsia japonica sapling in native forest.

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