

Austrocyllindropuntia cylindrica

COMMON NAMES

Cane Cactus

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

GENUS

Austrocyllindropuntia

FAMILY

Cactaceae

AUTHORITY

Austrocyllindropuntia cylindrica (Lam.) Backeb.

SYNONYMS

Opuntia cylindrica

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Drought and cold tolerant

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Long-lived perennial shrub. Probably vegetative from discarded paddles. Fruits are formed but it is not clear if viable seed is produced in New Zealand. Dispersal mechanism as cultivation escape and via careless dumping of garden waste

ETYMOLOGY

cylindrica: From the Latin cylindricus 'cylindrical, having nearly a true cylindrical form

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austrocyllindropuntia-cylindrica/>

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