

# Citrus limon

## COMMON NAME

lemon

## FAMILY

Rutaceae

## AUTHORITY

Citrus limon (L.) Burm.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Usually found in indigenous forest remnants on the margins of old bullock trails, or along roadsides, more rarely in urban situations.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## FRUITING

Fruits present throughout the year

## LIFE CYCLE

Long-lived small tree. Seed is long-lived, it seems to germinate best when passed through the gut of an animal. However, viable seed is only occasionally produced. Dispersed by gravity and by humans tossing fruits or spitting out seeds

## YEAR NATURALISED

1992

## ORIGIN

Unknown. believed to be of hybrid origin between lime (*Citrus aurantiifolia*) and *C. medica*

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Fruit and ornamental

## TOLERANCES

Cold sensitive - rather drought tolerant

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/citrus-limon/>



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