

Syzygium paniculatum

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

A dense bushy tree to 15 m tall. Leaves are 3–9 cm long, opposite, obovate, tapering at the leaf base; dark glossy green above, paler below. Flowers with white stamens and petals. The edible fruit is usually magenta, but can be white, pink or purple.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

SIMILAR TAXA

Syzygium australe q.v. (under which name *S. paniculatum* is sometimes sold, erroneously). The two can be distinguished even when young from the leafy twigs, which in *S. paniculatum* have smooth internodes above and below the nodes, whereas *S. australe* has its leafy twigs “generally 4-angled or shortly 4-winged, pairs of wings running down from each petiole but amalgamating and forming a pocket or hump above the next lower pair of leaves.”

http://keys.trin.org.au/key-server/data/0e0f0504-0103-430d-8004-060d07080d04/media/Html/taxon/Syzygium_australe.htm

S. australe appears to be a lot less common in cultivation than *S. paniculatum* and, compared with the latter, wild seedlings are uncommon in *S. australe*.

HABITAT

Self establishes freely in shade, including native forest, parks, gardens

THREATS

This taxon may be prone to Myrtle Rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus which threatens myrtle species - learn more myrtlerust.org.nz

GENUS

Syzygium

FAMILY

Myrtaceae

AUTHORITY

Syzygium paniculatum Gaertn.

SYNONYMS

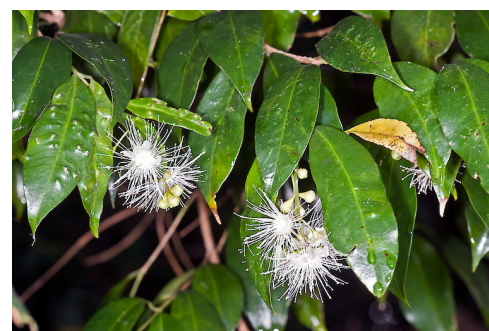
Eugenia paniculata Gaertn. J.Britt. nom. illeg.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No



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ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

syzygium: From the Greek syzygos 'joined', referring to the paired leaves

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/syzygium-paniculatum/>

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