

Corylus avellana

COMMON NAME

Common hazel

FAMILY

Corylaceae

AUTHORITY

Corylus avellana L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Sprawling to erect shrub, sometimes layering; deciduous. Coppices from cut stumps.

DISTRIBUTION

Widely grown as a food crop in cooler parts of NZ; apparently uncommon as an adventive plant

HABITAT

Understorey of planted trees in parks, large gardens.

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

2006

ORIGIN

Britain, Europe, Asia Minor

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Edible nuts

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heenan et al. 2008. *NZ Journal of Botany* 46: 269

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/corylus-avellana/>

