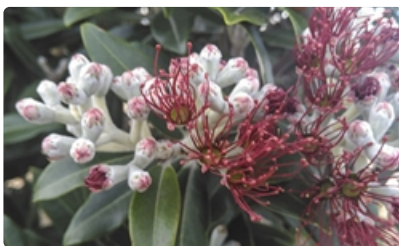


Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Flowers. Photographer Roger Spencer, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board, Melbourne, Vic



Flower buds and flowers. Photographer Rob Cruikshank, unknown place



Seed cases full of seeds. Photographer Avenue, New Zealand



Shrubs. Photographer Leon Ferrie, New Zealand

Common name

New Zealand Christmas Bush, Pohutakawa

Family

Myrtaceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Native to the north island of New Zealand, where it occurs on coastal cliffs. Coastal north of Kiama.

Notes

Introduced tree to about 10 m high or more, often multi-stemmed, **crown** broadly **spreading**. Branchlets hairy. Leaves opposite each other, 4–10 cm long, 20–50 mm wide, thick, leathery, dark green above, white hairy below, tips pointed or blunt; margins **entire**. Flowers red, with 4–5 **petals**, falling early. **Stamens** numerous, 30–40 mm long. Flowers in many-flowered clusters. Flowers Dec.–Jan. Seed cases about 8 mm wide, hairy, conical to hemispherical.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/68e2d892-e9fb-41f0-b576-da40ecee1f1d7> (accessed 2 May 2021)

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