



Laurus nobilis

Common Name(s):

bay tree, laurel

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Persistent cultivation relic, can invade intact bush, waste land and scrub.

Features:

Large dioecious shrub or small tree to about 7 m. Usually multi-stemmed with smooth trunks, stems and leaves hairless. The leaves are aromatic (especially when crushed) petiole up to 13 mm long often purplish. Lamina to about 13 x 4.5 cm, narrow elliptic with a slightly wavy margin. Male flowers are yellow while female flowers are white and are on separate plants. Fruits are black berries.

Flowering:

September, October, November

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3381



Caption: *Laurus nobilis*

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