



## *Ligustrum lucidum*

### **Common Name(s):**

tree privet

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Habitat:**

Terrestrial. A plant of coastal and lowland habitats. The plant occurs in sites of low-high fertility. A plant of scrub and forest margins, roadsides, fencelines and open forest communities. A plant of forest, lowland and coastal, forest fragments, shrublands, roadsides, farm hedges, wastelands, domestic garden sites. The plant has naturalised in waste places, margins of remnant forest stands, coastal cliffs and gardens. Areas at risk of invasion by the plant are forests and margins and shrublands.

### **Features:**

Glabrous, small or medium-sized evergreen tree to approx. 10m high, sometimes a dense shrub. Shoots glabrous. Petioles mostly 1~2cm long. Lamina 5~13 x 3~6cm, ovate to elliptic-ovate, glossy above; base broad-cuneate to rounded; apex usu. abruptly short-acuminate, sometimes acute. Panicles up to 25 x 20cm, dense, broadly pyramidal; branches angular; pedicels very short. Bracts oblong or oblong-lanceolate; bracteoles much smaller, caducous. Flowers fragrant. Calyx 1~2mm long; lobes indistinct. Corolla white; tube about 1.5mm long; lobes 2~2.5mm long, oblong-elliptic, reflexed, with generally involute margins, acute. Stamens around 4mm long, exserted; anthers yellow. Style included. Fruit to 6 x 5mm, ellipsoid-oblong, bluish- or purplish-black, usu. pruinose. Seed approx. 5mm long, broadly ellipsoid, ribbed on back. (- Webb et. al., 1988)

### **Flowering:**

November, December, January, February, March

### **For more information, visit:**

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**Caption:** Flowers. Whanganui. Jan 2013.

**Photographer:** Colin Ogle



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