



Cotoneaster simonsii

Common Name(s):

Khasia berry

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Dry cool forest and shrubland up to 900 m., forest margins, dry rangeland, bluffs, rocky sites, slips, riverbeds. Potentially most cold dry open sites in New Zealand.

Features:

Deciduous or semi-evergreen shrub to 4 m. Stems erect or slightly arching; young shoots densely brown-tomentose, later hairless brownish-grey. Mature stems often covered in sooty mould. Leaves 13-25 x 7-15 mm; with thin hairs above when young, later hairless and shining, paler green with long hairs below, usually crowded or bunched along stems. Flowers small, whitish to pale pink, in clusters of 1-4, Nov-Dec. Berries 5-10 mm long, shining orange-red or scarlet.

Flowering:

November, December

Fruiting:

December to July

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3754



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Caption: Raetihi on clay road bank; fastigiate branching

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