



Euonymus europaeus

Common Name(s):

spindle tree

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Much-branched glabrous, deciduous shrub or small tree up to 6m high. Bark grey & smooth. Twigs green, quadrangular, smooth, not winged. Leaves opposite, ovate-lanceolate to elliptic, acute or acuminate, crenate, usually turning red in autumn, 2–10cm long; petiole 6–12mm long. Cymes 2–15-flowered, pedunculate, dichotomous. Buds greenish, usually 4-angled; flowers usually 4-merous, 8–10mm diam.; petals greenish-yellow, generally oblong, widely separated. Capsule 4-lobed, deep pink, exposing the bright orange aril after opening. (- Webb et. al., 1988)

Flowering:

November, December

Fruiting:

March to May

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3933



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