



Euonymus japonicus

Common Name(s):

Japanese spindleberry

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Much branched evergreen shrub or small tree up to 7m high. Twigs green, terete or slightly 4-ribbed, smooth, often wrinkled when dry, not winged. Leaves opposite, obovate to elliptic, acute, crenate, 2.5~7cm long; petiole 5~15mm long. Cymes 5, many-flowered, pedunculate, dichotomous. Buds greenish, slightly 4-angled; flowers 4-merous, 6~10mm diam.; petals green, broadly elliptic, widely separated. Capsule globose, 4-celled, pink, 6~10mm diam., exposing orange to deep red aril after opening. (- Webb et al., 1988)

Flowering:

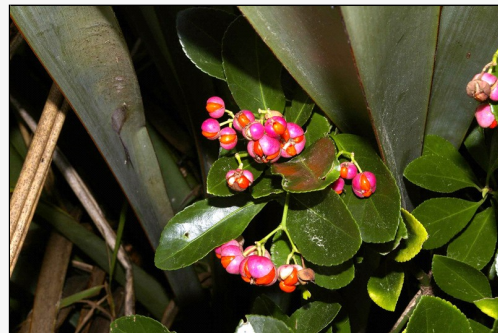
November, December

Fruiting:

March, April, May

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Caption: Kuaotunu West. Aug.

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