



Lagunaria patersonia subsp. patersonia

Common Name(s):

Norfolk Island hibiscus tree, white oak, whitewood, pyramid tree

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

A commonly planted tree in coastal and lowland areas of northern New Zealand. Popular because it is very fast growing and once established wind, salt and drought tolerant. The seeds are enclosed in long hibiscus-like pods, these are covered in bristle-like hairs which can cause major irritation if they pierce the skin.

Flowering:

September - April but sporadic throughout the year

Fruiting:

Present throughout the year

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4376



Caption: *Lagunaria patersonia subsp. patersonia*

Photographer: Bec Stanley



Caption: Mature fruit. Lord Howe Island, Australia. Apr 2000.

Photographer: Colin Ogle