



Howea forsteriana

Common Name(s):

kentia palm

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

The more commonly cultivated of the two *Howea* species in New Zealand (where it is usually known as Kentia Palm). Mostly found in old gardens and parks. Very slow growing. Most fruit is harvested by people before it matures.

Flowering:

October - December

Fruiting:

Year Round

References and further reading:

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). *Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning.* Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4383



Caption: Upper Crown - note absence of crown shaft

Photographer: Peter de Lange, May 2007, Alberon, Auckland



Caption: Adult showing growth habit

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