



Crotalaria lunata

Common Name(s):

rattlepod

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Features:

Erect shrub or small tree, 2-5 m high; stems densely pubescent, often glabrescent. Leaves simple, ovate or elliptic, 60-130 x 33-80 mm wide, upper surface glabrous, lower surface densely greyish pubescent; petiole 10-20 mm long; stipules leafy c.10 mm long. Racemes c.150 mm long; pedicels c.15 mm long. Calyx c. 15 mm long, pubescent. Corolla 25-30 mm long, yellow with red-brown striations, wings + longer than keel; keel incurved at middle, beak c.15 mm long, twisted at apex. Pod 50-70 mm long, glabrous; seeds c.5 mm long, glossy, minutely papillose.

Flowering:

August -
December

Fruiting:

Pods present throughout the
year

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4420



Caption: Flowers. Aug 2007.

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Caption: Foliage. Aug 2007.

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