



Coleonema pulchellum

Common Name(s):

breath of heaven, confetti bush (see also 'diosma' under Synonyms, below)

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Despite being very popular and widely planted, there are few records of *C. pulchellum* as self-establishing. Seedlings have been found near planted shrubs in very sandy soils in Wellington and Whanganui.

Features*:

A much branched bush, 0.5-1.3 m tall in cultivation; planted for its compact shape and massed pink flowering. (A red-flowered form is reported.) Leaves fine, heath-like, with fine acuminate mucrons and very fine serrations in upper 1/3-1/4 of each leaf; mature leaves plano-convex in cross-section. Foliage aromatic when crushed.

***Attribution:**

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References and further reading:

Janine E. Victor & Abraham E. van Wyk (1999) Pollen morphology of *Diosma* and *Coleonema* (Rutaceae: Diosminae) and its taxonomic implications, *Grana*, 38:1, 12-19, DOI: 10.1080/001731300750044663

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