

Sophora howinsula

COMMON NAME

Lord Howe kōwhai

FAMILY

Fabaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

Long-lived shrub or small tree; reproduces exclusively by seed. Seeds are abundantly produced, hard-shelled. A long-lived seed-bank is formed. Dispersal is by water, gravity and careless disposal of fruiting material.

YEAR NATURALISED

2007

ORIGIN

Lord Howe Island—this species has long been grown in New Zealand under the name *Sophora tetraptera* "Otari Gnome".

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

TOLERANCES

Moderately hardy

ETYMOLOGY

sophora: After the Arabic name for a similar tree

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/sophora-howinsula/>

