

Spiraea japonica

COMMON NAME

Japanese spiraea

FAMILY

Rosaceae

AUTHORITY

Spiraea japonica L.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A semi-deciduous shrub growing to 1.5 m tall, forming small thickets. Erect stems which are finely striated, downy and red when young, and reddish brown and smooth on older stems. The leaves are spreading or slightly ascending. 4-10cm long and 1-3 cm wide, and are lance-shaped to narrow-elliptical with irregular shallow serrations. The network of veins show distinctly on the pale green underside. The flower heads are dense hairy and spreading with numerous small (c. 2mm diam.) rose red flowers in a multi-stemmed head. Flowering takes place Nov-Mar. Seeds are fine and numerous.

FLOWERING

November, December, January, February, March

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

1975

ORIGIN

Japan, China

ETYMOLOGY

japonica: Of Japan

Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/spiraea-japonica/>

