

## *Pittosporum tenuifolium*

**System:** Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Magnoliopsida	Rosales	Pittosporaceae

**Common name** thin leaved Pittosporum (English, Bermuda), tawhiwhi (Maori, New Zealand), kohuhu (Maori, New Zealand), schmalblättriger Klebsame (German)

### Synonym

### Similar species

**Summary** *Pittosporum tenuifolium* is a shrub or small tree that grows to about 10 m high and has bird-dispersed seeds. It is native to New Zealand and has naturalised in the Victoria, Tasmania and New South Wales states of Australia and in the state of California in the United States of America (Hoskings et al, 2007).



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### Species Description

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### Principal source:

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[3] AUSTRALIA

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### BIBLIOGRAPHY

8 references found for *Pittosporum tenuifolium*

#### Management information

[IUCN/SSC Invasive Species Specialist Group \(ISSG\), 2010. A Compilation of Information Sources for Conservation Managers.](#)

**Summary:** This compilation of information sources can be sorted on keywords for example: Baits & Lures, Non Target Species, Eradication, Monitoring, Risk Assessment, Weeds, Herbicides etc. This compilation is at present in Excel format, this will be web-enabled as a searchable database shortly. This version of the database has been developed by the IUCN SSC ISSG as part of an Overseas Territories Environmental Programme funded project XOT603 in partnership with the Cayman Islands Government - Department of Environment. The compilation is a work under progress, the ISSG will manage, maintain and enhance the database with current and newly published information, reports, journal articles etc.

#### General information

[Benedetti, A., Gimelli, F., Restuccia, P., Mancini, G., Sparago, E., n.d. \*Pittosporum?\* Needs a bit more nitrogen. Colture Protette. Gruppo Calderini Edagricole Srl](#)

**Summary:** Abstract: The exotic species *Pittosporum tenuifolium*, introduced to the Italian Riviera in the 1980s is widely grown there for its ornamental fronds. For 3 years the nutrient content of the leaves has been analysed and found to vary with climate variations. *Pittosporum* needs a mild, moderately moist climate and is damaged by excess of either heat or cold. The hot dry weather of 2003 led to a reduction in good quality fronds. Analysis of the leaves revealed low levels of the N essential for strong growth to meet the demands created by repeated cutting of the fronds. Application of nitrogen with a nitrification inhibitor reduced drought damage by producing a better balance of essential nutrients.

Available from: <http://www.cababstractsplus.org/abstracts/Abstract.aspx?AcNo=20043152077> [Accessed June 22 2010]

[Global Compendium of Weeds \(GCW\), 2007. \*Pittosporum tenuifolium\* \(Pittosporaceae\)](#)

**Summary:** Available from: [http://www.hear.org/gcw/species/pittosporum\\_tenuifolium/](http://www.hear.org/gcw/species/pittosporum_tenuifolium/) [Accessed June 22 2010]

[Hosking, John R.; Conn, Barry J.; Lepschi, Brendan J.; Barker, Clive H., 2008. Plant species first recognised as naturalised for New South Wales in 2002 and 2003, with additional comments on species recognised as naturalised in 2000-2001. \*Cunninghamia\*, 10\(1\), 2007, 139-166.](#)

**Summary:** Available from: [http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/\\_data/assets/pdf\\_file/0009/85068/Cun101139Hos.pdf](http://www.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/85068/Cun101139Hos.pdf) [Accessed 10 June 2010]

[Integrated Taxonomic Information System \(ITIS\), 2010. \*Pittosporum tenuifolium\* Gaertn.](#)

**Summary:** Available from: [http://www.itis.gov/servlet/SingleRpt/SingleRpt?search\\_topic=TSN&search\\_value=507930](http://www.itis.gov/servlet/SingleRpt/SingleRpt?search_topic=TSN&search_value=507930) [Accessed June 22 2010]

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Varnham, K. 2005 (updated 2009). Non-native species in UK Overseas Territories: a review.