



TITOKI

(*Alectryon excelsus*)

SUB- CANOPY
10m



Description:

- Titoki is a compact, rounded tree, with dark smooth trunk
- The shiny leaves are made up of around six leaflets arranged alternately along the main leaf rib. These leaflets are hairy and while young may be tooth edged
- Titoki are of the coastal and lowland forests stretching from the north to as far south as Banks Peninsula

Fruit & Flowers:

- Insignificant flowers appear on the end of twigs in spring
- The early summer fruit can best be described as 'black olives (the seed) encased in a raspberry sitting inside an open hairy pistachio shell'

Pests & Diseases:

- There are no significant pests or diseases
- They do prefer a well drained soil and young trees are damaged by heavy frosts

Uses:

- Maori extracted fragrant oils from the seed
- Titoki's tidy rounded shape make it a useful species for garden and street landscaping