



MAPOU

(*Myrsine australis*)

Sub
Canopy
5m



Description:

- A small tree found on the forest margins. It is sometimes referred to as Matipou
- It can be confused with the small leaved *Pittosporum tenuifolium*. However it differs in that it has wavy leaf edges and distinctive red stems

Fruit & Flowers:

- The yellow flowers are quite insignificant but can be seen mid-summer to mid-autumn
- Black when mature, the small fruit may take up to a year to ripen

Pests & Diseases:

- Mapou do not appear to have any major pests
- They can show symptoms of leaf spot

Uses:

- The fruit are held on the adult plant for up to a year and are a minor food source for the birds during seasons of shortage
- Mapou are planted in the gardens for its colour and suitability as a clipped hedge