



Karamu

(*Coprosma robusta*)

UNDERSTORY
5M



FLOWER PHOTO PENDING



Description:

- Found throughout the lower forests of both the North and South Island. A tough coloniser, tolerant of both wet and dry soils
- Typical of the coprosmas, the leaf undersides have small holes (domatia) either side of the main vein
- Domatia provide shelter for beneficial insects and mites

Fruit & Flowers:

- The male and female flowers are on separate plants
- Clusters of small white flowers, appearing late spring to summer, are wind pollinated
- In the autumn bright orange berries are a major food source for the herbivorous pigeons, kakariki and kokako

Uses:

- Karamu are quick to both stabilise exposed ground and attract the birdlife