



REWAREWA

(*Knightia excelsa*)
(NZ Honeysuckle)

Canopy
10+m



Description:

- Rewarewa prefer well drained soil in lowland and mountain forests. It can dominate regenerating bush
- The leaves are severely serrated and quite leathery
- This is the only endemic protea species in New Zealand

Fruit & Flowers:

- The bright red flowers look a little like bottle brushes. Appearing from spring to summer, they can have a strong odour
- Nectar is plentiful and is secreted at the base of flower. The tuis and bellbirds become thoroughly dusted with pollen as they forage
- Winged seeds are similar to sycamore. When released the seeds flutter to the ground
- The fruit is a cluster of brown, hard pods covered in velvet

Uses:

- There are no significant pests and diseases
- The red/light brown wood is ideal for interior work. It is not suitable for exposed areas