



# ***AKEAKE***

*(Dodonaea viscosa)*

**UNDERSTORY**  
**6m**



### **Description:**

- A coastal lowland tree throughout the North Island and the top of the South. Tolerant of wind and dry conditions.
- The leaves are narrow, alternate and elliptical. Normally a pale green some trees have a tinge of purple as a result of hybridisation with a dark purple variety originating in Marlborough
- Akeake has a reddish bark and a black heartwood which is streaked with white. It is very hard

### **Fruit & Flowers:**

- Male and female flowers are on separate trees, are very small and are located at the branch tips. To be seen mid spring and summer
- The fruit, carrying a single seed, has three membranous wings. They are ripe from mid-summer through to autumn

### **Pests / Diseases:**

- There are no significant diseases of akeake. However when under stress it can suffer from thrips

### **Uses:**

- Being a fast growing tree, and able to take the wind, akeake is ideal for initial shelter
- The wood is dense and it lasts. Akeake means 'for ever and ever'. A good wood for making tools and clubs