



Houpara

(*Pseudopanax lessonii*)

UNDERSTORY
5M



Flower photo pending



Description:

- A coastal plant restricted to the North Island north of the Gisborne- Taranaki line
- With three to five leaflets they are part of a group known as fivefinger
- There is much variation in their appearance due to the fact that *Pseudopanax* species readily hybridize

Fruit & Flowers:

- Flowers are small and appear in the summer. They are greenish with the males and females occurring on separate plants
- In autumn the berries ripen into a black fruit. Each fruit contains five seeds

Uses:

- Houpara is salt tolerant and adds variety to a seaside hedge