

MAHOE (Whiteywood) (Melicytus ramiflorus)





Description:

- As the common name suggests mahoe has a distinctive pale bark
- Found in the margins of lowland forests it is a tree that branches out to form quite a canopy
- The bright green leaves are serrated and mildly affected by frost

Fruits & Flowers:

- The small white flowers protrude directly from the branches and twigs. They are clustered together and are sweetly scented
- In warmer areas they may occur twice a season. Initially in early spring and again late summer
- As consequence ripe berries are available in late summer and again in the late autumn. Eaten by pigeons and kakariki

Pests / Diseases:

• There are no significant pests and diseases. Leaves may be chewed by browsing insects and birds **Uses**:

Using friction, the softwood mahoe was rubbed against hardwood to create fire