

## **Pohutakawa**



Compact growing plant with attractive white variegated foliage and scarlet flowers. Typically grow to around 4-6 feet in height. Tolerant of low temperatures, but not surviving being frozen. Except in frost-free inner-city areas or coastal extremities requires glasshouse conditions. Plant can withstand temperatures down to 1°C (34°F). Full sun - protect from drying winds.

Not the sort of plants to be grown outside where there are likely to be frosts. These plants need to be grown in a conservatory or cool greenhouse or at least brought inside for the winter. Soil Fertile moist well-drained soil - humus-rich. Neutral to acid soil.

Category: Outdoor foliage plants

**Families:** Myrtaceae **Genus:** Metrosideros

**Species:** kermadecensis "Variegatus" **Geographical Area of Origin:** Oceania

Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)

**Habit:** Shrub

Leaves: Variegated leaf

Colore Foglie: Verde Variegato

Flowering Period: Giugno / Luglio

Flower: Corymb

Colore Fiori: Giallo Rosso

Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil

Water needs: Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Grown as shrub / bush
Colore Frutti: Marrone