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Rātā

Prumnopitys taxifolia



Sparklers

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Characteristics

Rātā have bright red flowers like pōhutukawa, and they even flower at the same time!

One difference is in the leaves: rātā tend to have pointier leaves than pōhutukawa.

Both are very long-living trees, with hard and durable timber.



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Native birds such as the tūī, bellbird, and kākā all love to sit in rātā trees and feed on the nectar. Even bats and lizards sometimes join in!

Are you generous like rātā?



**What can we learn from
rātā?**

**How might we apply this
in our classroom?**

