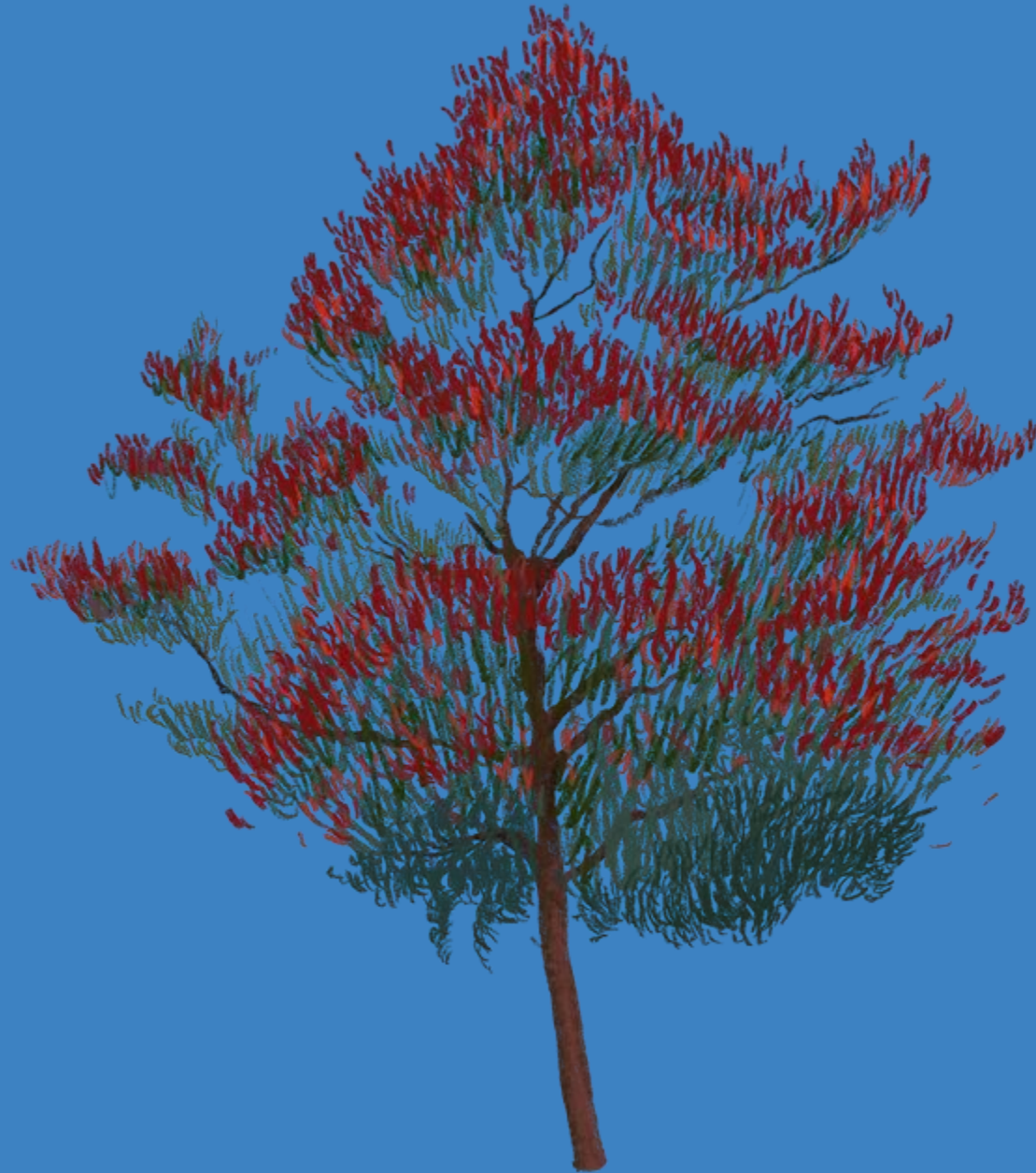


MEKA RĀKAU

# Akeake

(Hopbush)

*Dodonaea viscosa*



Sparklers

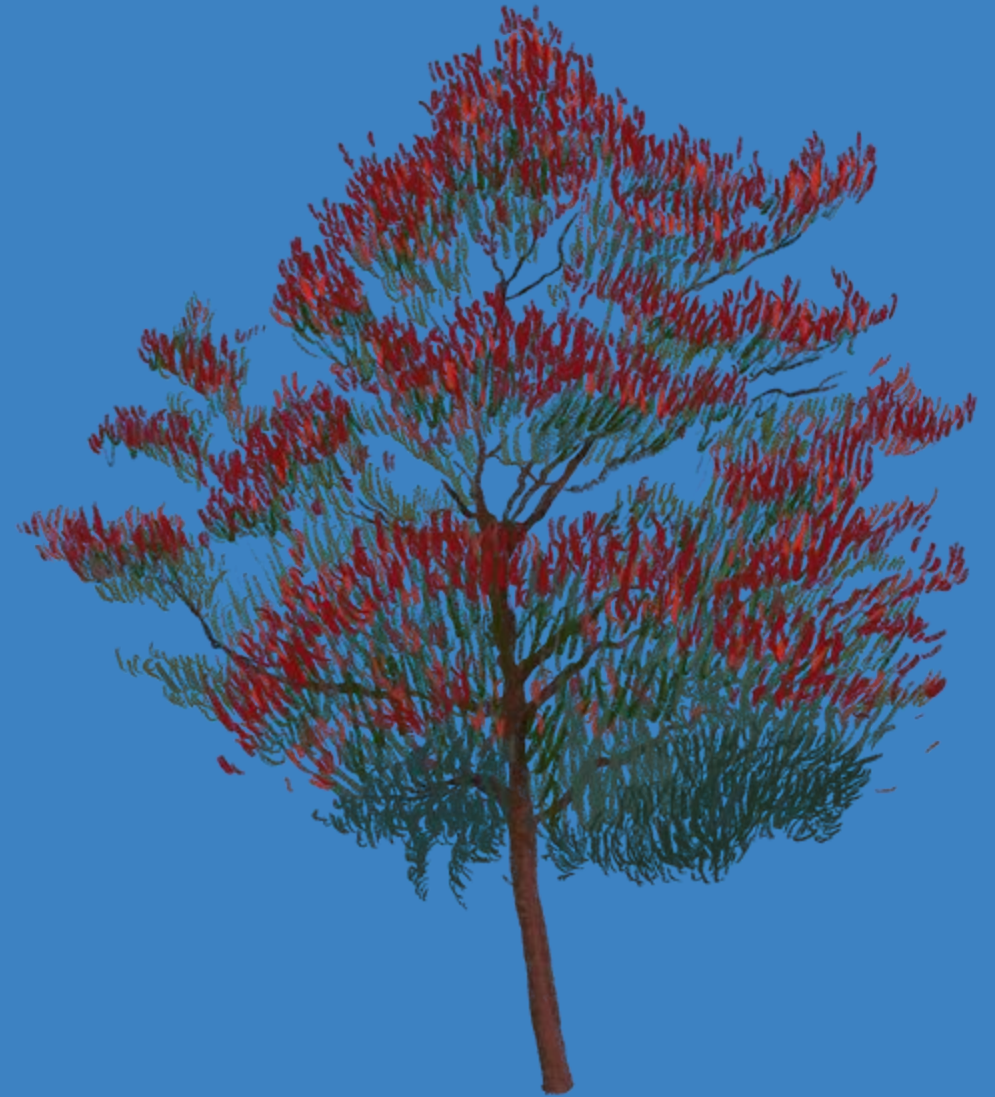
## MEKA RĀKAU

# Characteristics

A very hardy and resilient rākau.

Grows up to about 10 metres tall, with long narrow oval leaves that have clearly marked veins.

Naturally found in coastal and lowland forests throughout the North and Chatham Islands and the top half of the South Island.



## MEKA RĀKAU

Akeake is a very hard wood, traditionally used by Māori to make weapons such as taiaha, as well as other tools. Another name for this rākau is akerautangi.

**Are you strong and sturdy like akeake?**



MEKA RĀKAU

**What can we learn  
from akeake?**

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

