

MEKA RĀKAU

Kōwhai

Genus: Sophora



Sparklers

Characteristics

Kōwhai are small woody legume trees, which means they grow pods.

Kōwhai are small trees that bloom stunning yellow flowers in early spring.

The ātaahua flowers attracts birds like the tūī and kereru.



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Kōwhai wood is dense and durable which is why traditional Māori carvings are made from this rākau.

Kōwhai can grow up to 25 metres.

Do you stand out from a crowd like kōwhai?



Fun fact!

Kōwhai trees are also used in rongoā, Māori traditional medicines.

The bark was heated and turned into a poultice to treat wounds, bruising, and itches. Infusions with the bark treated diseased skin, dandruff, and various aches and pains



**What can we learn from
kōwhai?**

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

