

***Cotoneaster franchetii* Bois**

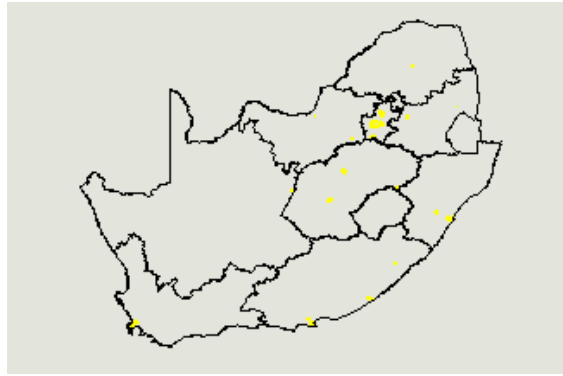
Family: Rosaceae

Type plant: Shrubs

Popular Names:

Oranje cotoneaster (Afrikaans)
Cotoneaster, oranje (Afrikaans)
Orange cotoneaster (English)
Cotoneaster, orange (English)

Synonyms:



Invasive status

Category 3: Declared invader (ornamentals), no new planting, trade or propagation is permitted

Origin

Asia (W China)

Ecological impact / threat

Competes with and has the potential to replace indigenous species. Dense stands could reduce grazing available for domestic and wild animals. Indigenous birds may neglect the dispersal of indigenous plant species as a consequence of their preference for the fruits of this alien species.

Habitat invaded	Grassland, forest margins, kloofs, riverbanks, rocky outcrops.
Human uses	Ornament, hedging; honey source.
Animal uses	A source of nectar and pollen for bees.
Alternative plants	None
Biological control	-
Chemical control	-
Physical control	-
Growth form:	Woody
Dimensions:	Up to 3 m high.
Diagnostics:	Unarmed, gracefully arching shrub up to 3 m high with showy, berry-like fruits; branchlets, lower surfaces of leaves, pedicels and calyces densely white-, grey- or yellowish-felty. Leaves: grey-green, hairy, becoming glabrous and shiny above, 20-30 mm long, petioles 1-3 mm long. Flowers: pinkish, about 10 mm across, August-January. Fruits: orange-red, fleshy (pomes).
Habitat:	Grassland, forest margins, kloofs, riverbanks, rocky outcrops.
Flower time:	August-January
Flower color:	Pink
Flowers:	Pinkish, 5-petalled, about 10 mm across.
Fruit:	Pome - Orange-red pomes, with three nutlets.
Thorns:	None
Leaf arrangement:	Opposite - Yellowish or grey-green, hairy or felty beneath, becoming glabrous above and shiny, 20-30 mm long, petioles 1-3 mm long.
Foliage:	Semi-deciduous
Trunk:	-
Poisonous:	Yes - Fruits, in quantity.
Irritant:	No
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Protected:	No
Endangered:	No
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Animal uses:	A source of nectar and pollen for bees.

References: <http://www.agis.agric.za/wip/>

<http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/images/cofr5099.jpg>