PLANT FACT SHEET

Metrosideros excelsa Sol. ex Gaertn.

GENUS *Metrosideros* **FAMILY** Myrtaceae

COMMON NAMES Pohutukawa

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: flower - nectar

The nectar of the flower is eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It is wide spreading. The leaves are round and leathery. The flowers are large.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows in coastal forest in the North Island of New Zealand. In Portland Botanical Gardens.

PICTURES



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