

South Island Kowhai

Sophora microphylla



full sun



shade



wet



dry



frost



wind

Max height: 18 m



Leaves

- Many small oval-shaped leaflets
- Arranged along a central stalk
- In opposite pairs
- Light green



Flowers

- Large, pea-like yellow flowers
- 1.8-5.0 cm long
- Drooping
- August to October



Where to plant



forest



shrubland



wetland



riparian

Fruit/seeds

- Long brown pea-like pods
- Yellow, hard seeds
- Oblong
- December to May
- Poisonous
- Gravity and water dispersed



Foundation species – *plant first*

Southland species – *plant local*

