

*excelsa*). Any specimens planted in a well drained moist soil will flourish and quickly grow into a shapely tree. It is particularly hardy and grows rapidly. Its leaves have a very characteristic and unusual shape, and the outline of the tree is extremely neat and symmetrical, being conical or columnar and therefore suitable for planting among buildings. The foliage is the most conspicuous and ornamental part of the tree; the red flowers are highly attractive when detached but they are concealed by the leaves when growing. It is one of the trees which produce nectar for the honey eating birds. This species belongs to the great Australian and South African family "Proteaceae"; indeed, it has a somewhat alien aspect but it is a true New Zealander. The illustration shows the tall columns of *Knightia* standing out above all other trees. The timber is the well-known "New Zealand honeysuckle" useful for veneering and other ornamental woodwork.



*Rewarewa.*

*Silver Beech.*



*Whau.*

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