

# Pseudopanax

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Five finger

# Pseudopanax characteristics

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- Softwooded shrubs or small trees
- The common name five finger describes their compound, hand shaped leaf
- Each leaf has 1 petiole but may have leaflets in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9

# Pseudopanax arboreus

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Five finger is the most common pseudopanax and is found throughout New Zealand

# Pseudopanax laetus

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This species has the largest leaves and is common in ornamental gardens



# Pseudopanax gilleseii

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The 3 fingered 5 finger is endemic to Whangaroa and Little Barrier Island

# Pseudopanax discolor

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The “discoloured “ or red Pseudopanax



# Pseudopanax crassifolium

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# Pseudopanax crassifolium lancewood

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Juvenile leaf



Adult  
leaf



Adult  
tree

This plant shows both juvenile and adult leaf shapes. As an adult it assumes a smaller and broader leaf.



# Pseudopanax crassifolium var. trifoliata

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This variety of lancewood has leaflets in threes

# Pseudopanax lessonii

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# Pseudopanax lessonii male flower

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# Pseudopanax arboreus male flowers

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# Pseudopanax arboreus berries

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# Other members of the Araliaceae family exhibit large glossy leaves

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*Schifflera digitata*

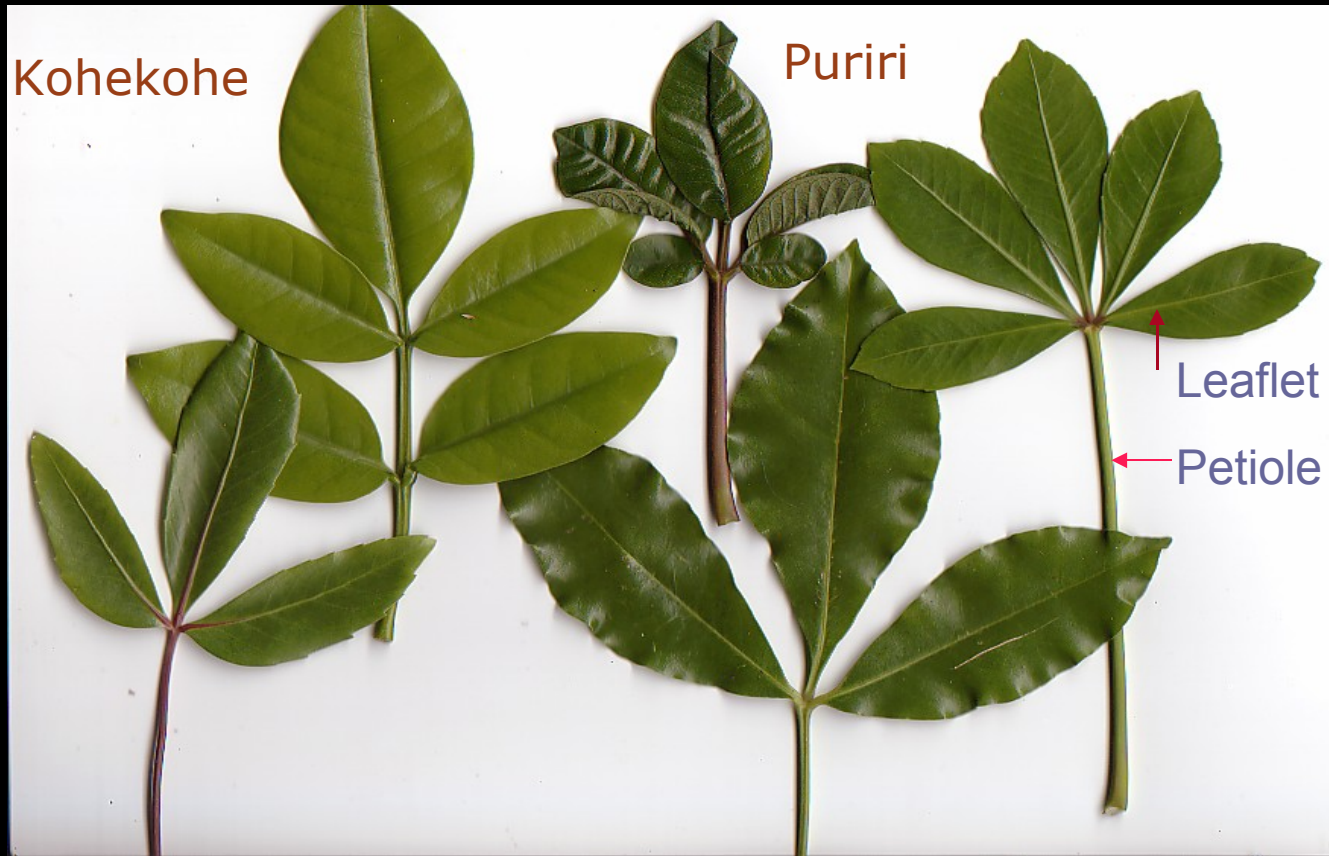


*Meryta sinclarii*



# Pseudopanax are not the only native plants with compound leaves

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*Pseudopanax gilleseii*

*Melicope ternata*

*Pseudopanax lessonii*