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Neopanax laetus

[Synonyms : *Nothopanax laetus*, *Panax arboreus* var. *laetus*, *Pseudopanax laetus*]

FIVE FINGER is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to New Zealand, it has small, greenish-purple flowers.

It is also known as Mountain five fingers, and Shrub panax.

Laetus is Latin (delighting in, rejoicing in) meaning ‘cheerful, vivid or bright’.

It is cultivated widely in New Zealand as an ornamental.