

Coprosma macrocarpa subsp. minor

FAMILY

Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY

Coprosma macrocarpa subsp. *minor* R.O.Gardner et Heads ex A.Druce

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

COPMSM

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Shrub with pairs of dark green glossy pointed leaves inhabiting coastal forests of the northern half of the North Island. Leaves to 12cm long, widest at middle, paler underneath. Small papery sheath on stem between the base of the pairs of leaves. Fruit orange, clustered on short stems.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Confined to the North Island and near shore islands (except the Three Kings Islands) from North Cape south to Kawhia Harbour and Hicks Bay

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to *Coprosma* species of New Zealand](#)

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

ETYMOLOGY

coprosma: From the Greek kopros 'dung' and osme 'smell', referring to the foul smell of the species, literally 'dung smell'

macrocarpa: Large fruit

minor: Smaller



Coprosma macrocarpa subsp. *minor*.
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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Gardner, R. 2006. Flowering time in *Coprosma macrocarpa* subsp. *minor* (Rubiaceae). Auckland Botanical Society Journal, Volume 61: 122-123.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-macrocarpa-subsp-minor/>