

Coriaria sarmentosa

FAMILY

Corariaceae

AUTHORITY

Coriaria sarmentosa G.Forst.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

CORSAR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 80

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Common robust much branched large shrub inhabiting open or disturbed areas. Can cover large areas. Dying back in winter. Twigs square in cross-section, bearing pairs of 40-50mm long glossy green oval pointed leaves that do not have a leaf stalk. Flowers in spikes up to 8cm long. Fruit black.

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

coriaria: From the Latin corium 'hide', possibly from the use of some species for tanning leather

sarmentosa: Twiggy

POISONOUS PLANT

All parts of all Coriaria species are poisonous especially the seed inside the black berries. For more information see the entry under Coriaria arborea var arborea (tutu). Click on this link for more information about [Poisonous native plants](#).

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coriaria-sarmentosa/>



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