

# Coprosma linariifolia

## COMMON NAME

mikimiki, yellow wood

## FAMILY

Rubiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Coprosma linariifolia* Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

COPLIN

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy small tree with pairs of small narrow leaves and yellow wood (under the bark). Twigs fuzzy, dark. Leaves to 40mm long x 2-4mm wide, paler underneath and with small pits. A very small thin sharp-tipped sheath on stem between base of leaf pairs. Fruit white heavily flecked with blue.

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and South Islands, from the Hawke's Bay and Manawatu south

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

UPL: Obligate Upland

Rarely is a hydrophyte, almost always in uplands (non-wetlands).

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## LIFE CYCLE

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



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## ETYMOLOGY

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

**linariifolia:** Linear leaf

## 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/coprosma-linariifolia/>