

# Coprosma pseudocuneata

## FAMILY

Rubiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Coprosma pseudocuneata* Garn.-Jones et R.Elder

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

COPPSE

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 132

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Erect bushy shrub bearing dense leafy branches inhabiting upland areas. Leaves narrow, 15-20mm long, dark green, thick curved, tip pointed. Twigs upright, fuzzy. Small thin hair-fringed sheath around stem at base of leaves. Fruit red, blueish or yellowish.

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## ETYMOLOGY

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

***pseudocuneata***: Deceptively like *Coprosma cuneata*

## NOTES ON TAXONOMY

The relationship of this species to the earlier named *Coprosma solandri* Kirk needs further study.

## 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



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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-pseudocuneata/>