

Coriaria kingiana

COMMON NAME

small-leaved tutu

SYNONYMS

Coriaria lurida var. *undulata* Cockayne et Allan; *Coriaria lurida* complex sensu Allan (1961)

FAMILY

Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY

Coriaria kingiana Colenso

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

CORKIN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing bushy spreading shrub consisting of many erect branches bearing dark green pointed wavy leaves 12-15mm long by 5-10mm wide inhabiting the upland North Island. Branches square in cross-section, soft, fuzzy. Leaves widest towards the base, with a pair of obvious side veins. Flowers arranged in a 5-7cm long spike.

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

POISONOUS PLANT

All *Coriaria* species are poisonous especially the seed inside the black berries. 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



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