

Dioscorea communis

COMMON NAME

black bryony

FAMILY

Dioscoreaceae

AUTHORITY

Dioscorea communis (L.) Caddick & Wilkin

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

On and just inside the margin of indigenous forest.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Deciduous vine with subterranean tubers. Glabrous. Stems slender and twining to 3-4m. Leaves with slender petioles to 15cm long, thin and ovate with a deeply cordate base. Plant dioecious, flowers about 4mm wide in racemes to 14cm long. Fruit approx. 1cm diameter, shining scarlet with 1-3 seeds.

SIMILAR TAXA

Glabrous vine with dark subterranean tubers, with thin glabrous deeply cordate leaves. Dioecious with small flowers in pendulous racemes, scarlet fruit freely produced.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Yellow

YEAR NATURALISED

1970

ORIGIN

Eurasia - Europe, SW Asia, N Africa and Macaronesia

Reason For Introduction

Unknown

Reproduction

Seed and possibly fragmentation.

Dispersal

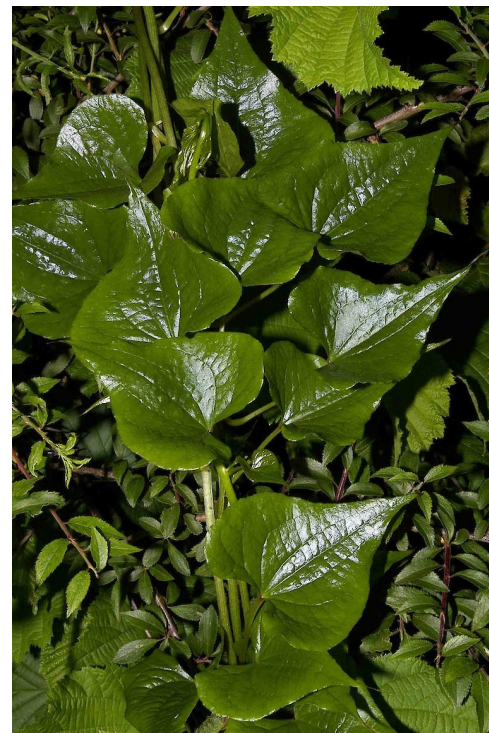
Probably bird dispersed.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dioscorea-communis/>



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