

Melicytus novae-zelandiae subsp. novae-zelandiae

SYNONYMS

Scaevola novae-zelandiae A.Cunn., *Hymenanthera novae-zelandiae* (A.Cunn.) Hemsl., *Hymenanthera latifolia* Kirk, *Hymenanthera latifolia* Kirk var. *latifolia*, *Hymenanthera latifolia* var. *tasmanica* Kirk,

FAMILY

Violaceae

AUTHORITY

Melicytus novae-zelandiae (A.Cunn.) P.S.Green

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

MELNOV

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 32

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub bearing leathery wavy-edged dark green leaves that have the vein network more visible on the underside forming a dense scrub in coastal areas of the North Island. Leaves 3-9cm long by 2-5cm wide, paler underneath. Flowers yellowish, scattered along stem. Fruit white with purple blotches.

ETYMOLOGY

melicytus: From the Greek meli (honey) and kytos (hollow container), referring to the staminal nectaries of the flowers. Literally “honey-cave”

novae-zelandiae: Of New Zealand

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicytus-novae-zelandiae-subsp-novae-zelandiae/>



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