

Persicaria prostrata

SYNONYMS

Polygonum prostratum R.Br.

FAMILY

Polygonaceae

AUTHORITY

Persicaria prostrata (R.Br.) Sojak

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

PERPRO

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = c.20

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser | Qualifiers: SO, Sp

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser | Qualifiers: SO, Sp

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

persicaria: Medieval name referring to the likeness of the leaves to a peach tree

prostrata: Prostrate

CULTURAL USE/IMPORTANCE

Has been regarded as a recently established weed but appears to be a natural arrival which has successfully colonised several parts of New Zealand.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/persicaria-prostrata/>

