

Streblus smithii

COMMON NAME

Three Kings milk tree

SYNONYMS

Paratrophis smithii Cheesem.

FAMILY

Moraceae

AUTHORITY

Streblus smithii (Cheeseman) Corner

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

STRSMI

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: CD, IE

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: CD, IE

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE

2004 | Range Restricted

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Multi-trunked small tree with speckled dark bark bearing large dark green wavy leaves on zig-zagged stems inhabiting the Three Kings Islands. Leaves 10-20cm long. Flowers small in often curved spikes originating from the twigs and branches. Fruit red, 8-9mm wide.

ETYMOLOGY

smithii: After the British botanist John Smith (1798-1888) or Stephenson Percy Smith (1840-1922).

NOTES

Named in honour of Stephenson Percy Smith (1840-1922), New Zealand surveyor who accompanied Thomas Cheeseman when he visited the Three Kings Island group in August 1887. For further information read Val Smith's biography in [The New Zealand Botanical Society Newsletter](#) (issue 104)

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION



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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/streblus-smithii/>