

Cassytha pubescens

COMMON NAMES

Taihoa, mawhai

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

GENUS

Cassytha

FAMILY

Lauraceae

AUTHORITY

Cassytha pubescens R.Br.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Fleshy drupes are dispersed by frugivory and water (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

cassytha: From the Greek word kassyo 'sew' or 'patch'

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

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

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

2009 | Exotic

2004 | Exotic

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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 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cassytha-pubescens/>

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