

Coprosma lucida

COMMON NAME

karamū, shining karamū

SYNONYMS

Coprosma australis (Richard) Robinson, *Ronabea australis* Richard, *Coprosma grandifolia* Hook.f.

FAMILY

Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY

Coprosma lucida J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

COPLUC

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Tall shrub with green stems and glossy green pairs of leaves. Leaves 12-17cm long, oval, tapering to leaf stem and tip, main vein pale and causing a ridge on the upper and lower surface of leaf. Small colourless point on stem between bases of leaf pairs. Fruit red, in clusters.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

ETYMOLOGY

coprosma: From the Greek kopros 'dung' and osme 'smell', referring to the foul smell of the species, literally 'dung smell'

lucida: Shining

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Large, M.F.; Mabblerly, D.J.; Wood, E. 2020: *Coprosma autumnalis* (kanono; Rubiaceae) in New Zealand: nomenclature, iconography and phenology, *Kew Bulletin* 75: 37-43. DOI 10.1007/S12225-020-9876-4



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