Coprosma neglecta

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION
Bushy robust shrub with pairs of small wide thick rounded leaves of eastern Northland coastal and lowland forest. Twigs fuzzy at tip. Leaves around 1cm wide, variable, veins not easily seen on upper surface, small pits present underneath. Very small dark tooth on stem between leaf bases. Fruit orange.

FLOWER COLOURS
Green

GENUS
Coprosma

FAMILY
Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY
Coprosma neglecta Cheeseman

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
Fleshy drupes are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY
coprosma: From the Greek kopros ‘dung’ and osme ‘smell’, referring to the foul smell of the species, literally ‘dung smell’
neglecta: Overlooked

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY
Key to Coprosma species of New Zealand

NVS CODE
COPNEG

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 44

Stipules and abaxial surfaces of leaves. Hikurua / de Surville Cliffs. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 19/10/2009, Licence: CC BY.

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR
2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR
2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon
2004 | Range Restricted
Jump to current conservation status

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 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-neglecta/

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