

Coprosma pseudocuneata

FAMILY

Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

COPPSE

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 132

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Erect bushy shrub bearing dense leafy branches inhabiting upland areas. Leaves narrow, 15-20mm long, dark green, thick curved, tip pointed. Twigs upright, fuzzy. Small thin hair-fringed sheath around stem at base of leaves. Fruit red, blueish or yellowish.

LIFE CYCLE

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'

pseudocuneata: Deceptively like *Coprosma cuneata*

NOTES ON TAXONOMY

The relationship of this species to the earlier named *Coprosma solandri* Kirk needs further study.

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-pseudocuneata/>



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