

Coprosma rugosa

SYNONYMS

Plagianthus linearifolia Buchanan, Coprosma antipoda W.R.B.Oliv.

FAMILY

Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY

Coprosma rugosa Cheeseman

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

COPRUG

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Orangeish very bushy large shrub with many interlacing wide-angled twigs bearing clusters of pairs of very narrow leaves. Twigs fuzzy becoming orange towards base. Leaves 10-14 mm long by up to 1.5mm wide, sometimes bearing tiny clusters of hairs on upper side (lens needed). Fruit pale blue.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

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'

rugosa: Wrinkled

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



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