

# Coriaria angustissima

## COMMON NAME

small-leaved tutu

## FAMILY

Coriariaceae

## AUTHORITY

Coriaria angustissima Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

CORANG

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing bushy spreading shrub consisting of many erect branches bearing feathery dark green very narrow pointed leaves 7-10mm long by 1-2mm wide inhabiting wetter upland South and Stewart Island areas. Branches square in cross-section, soft. Fruit black, arranged in a short spike.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**coriaria:** From the Latin corium 'hide', possibly from the use of some species for tanning leather

**angustissima:** From the Latin angustus 'narrow, constricted' and the superlative suffix -issimus, meaning 'very constricted, narrow'

## POISONOUS PLANT

All Coriaria species are poisonous especially the seed inside the black berries. Click on this link for more information about [Poisonous native plants](#).

## 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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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coriaria-angustissima/>