Coriaria angustissima

COMMON NAMES
small-leaved tutu

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED 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.



At Arthurs Pass, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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FLOWER COLOURS
Green, Yellow

GENUS
Coriaria

FAMILY
Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY
Coriaria angustissima Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

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

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.

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 -issumus, meaning ‘very constricted, narrow’

NVS CODE
CORANG

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Data Deficient | Qualifiers: TL Help
The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the "Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025" Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

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/coriaria-angustissima/

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