

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

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

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: Very 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



At Arthurs Pass, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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MORE INFORMATION

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