Coriaria arborea var. kermadecensis

COMMON NAMES
Kermadec tutu

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE, OL
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CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION
Common robust much branched large shrub inhabiting disturbed areas on the Kermadec Islands. Twigs square in cross-section, bearing pairs of 45-55mm long glossy green oval leaves that do not have a leaf stalk. Flowers in drooping spikes up to 15cm long.

DISTRIBUTION
Endemic. Kermadec Island group, Raoul Island only

HABITAT
Widespread in open seral habitats and disturbed ground.

THREATS
Not Threatened. Listed because it is a narrow range endemic abundant within its only known habitat.

GENUS
Coriaria

FAMILY
Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY
Coriaria arborea var. kermadecensis W.R.B.Oliv.

SYNONYMS
None

TAXONOMIC NOTES
Very doubtfully distinct from C. arborea var. arborea - plants sourced from Raoul Island held in cultivation in New Zealand are virtually indistinguishable from var. arborea (they have a lighter green coloured leaf).

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

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FLOWERING
Throughout the year

FRUITING
Throughout the year

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE
Easily grown fresh fresh seed and suckers. Fast growing but cold sensitive. Plants are a much lighter green than C. arborea R.Linds. var. arborea.

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
arborea: From the Latin arbor 'tree', meaning tree-like
kermadecensis: From the Kermadec Islands

NVS CODE
CORAVK

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 40

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE, OL
2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE, OL
2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE
2004 | Range Restricted
Jump to current conservation status

MORE INFORMATION
https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coriaria-arborea-var-kermadecensis/

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