

# Coriaria pottsiana

## FAMILY

Coriariaceae

## AUTHORITY

Coriaria pottsiana W.R.B.Oliv.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

CORPOT

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 60

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, Sp

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing bushy spreading bronze shrub consisting of many erect soft square branches bearing bronze rounded wavy leaves 6-8mm long by 5-6mm wide inhabiting peaks in the East Cape. Leaves widest about the middle, with obvious side veins. Flowers arranged in a 4-14cm long spike at end of twigs.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## 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

## 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

## MORE INFORMATION

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



In cultivation (Nov). Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth