

Coriaria pottsiana

FAMILY

Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY

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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

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, RR, Sp

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

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

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/>



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