

Coriaria pteridoides

COMMON NAME

Small-leaved tutu

SYNONYMS

Coriaria lurida var. *acuminata* Cockayne et Allan; *Coriaria lurida* complex sensu Allan (1961)

FAMILY

Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Trees & Shrubs

NVS CODE

CORPTE

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 80

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 narrow long pointed leaves 15–25mm long by 2–4mm wide inhabiting the Volcanic Plateau and Mt Taranaki. Leaves become narrower towards tip of branches. Branches square in cross-section, soft, fuzzy.

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

pteridoides: Resembling Pteridium (genus name from the Greek pteris, meaning wing or feather)

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](#).

MORE INFORMATION

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



Tongariro, December. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Stratford Plateau, Mount Taranaki. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe