

Coriaria pteridoides

COMMON NAMES

small-leaved tutu

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED 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.

GENUS

Coriaria

FAMILY

Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY

Coriaria pteridoides W.R.B.Oliv.

SYNONYMS

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

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Fleshy berries are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

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

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

NVS CODE

CORPTE



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CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 80

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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