

**Corokia cotoneaster**

**COMMON NAME**  
Korokio, wire-netting bush

**FAMILY**  
Argophyllaceae

**AUTHORITY**  
Corokia cotoneaster Raoul

**FLORA CATEGORY**  
Vascular – Native

**ENDEMIC TAXON**  
Yes

**ENDEMIC GENUS**  
No

**ENDEMIC FAMILY**  
No

**STRUCTURAL CLASS**  
Dicotyledonous Trees & Shrubs

**NVS CODE**  
CORCOT

**CHROMOSOME NUMBER**  
$2n = 18$

**CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS**  
2012 | Not Threatened

**PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS**  
2009 | Not Threatened  
2004 | Not Threatened

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**  
Common variable shrub with zig-zag thin grey twigs bearing clusters of small leaves that are white underneath with a dented or rounded tip and on a dark flattened leaf stalk. Flowers yellow, star-shaped. Fruit red.

**FLOWER COLOURS**  
Yellow

**LIFE CYCLE**  
Fleshy drupes are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

**ETYMOLOGY**
- **corokia**: From the Maori name korokio or korokia-tarango  
- **cotoneaster**: From cotoneus an old Latin name for the quince, and possibly aster, corruption of adinstar ‘resembling’, i.e. quince-like

**REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING**

MORE INFORMATION