

Epacris pauciflora

COMMON NAME

tamingi

SYNONYMS

Epacris pauciflora A.Rich. var. *pauciflora*

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Epacris pauciflora A.Rich.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

EPAPAU

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 26

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy woody shrub with erect branches covered in small hard leaves 4-7mm long and a small dry capsule inhabiting shrublands. Twigs covered in small hairs. Leaves distinctly widest at middle, with three darker green lines on underside. Flowers white, solitary in the base of leaves but many per twig.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and South Islands from Te Pahi south to near Charleston on the west coast of the South Island

FLOWERING

Throughout the year

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

FRUITING

Throughout the year

LIFE CYCLE

Minute seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).



Kopouatai swamp. October. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Kopouatai swamp. Plant Habit. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

ETYMOLOGY

epacris: From the Greek epi 'upon' and akros 'the top', referring these plants' habitat being on high ground

pauciflora: Few-flowered

WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally available from specialist native plant nurseries

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/epacris-pauciflora/>