

Fuscospora fusca

COMMON NAME

Red beech

SYNONYMS

Fagus fusca Hook. f., *Nothofagus fusca* (Hook.f.) Oerst.

FAMILY

Nothofagaceae

AUTHORITY

Fuscospora fusca (Hook.f.) Heenan et Smissen

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Trees & Shrubs

NVS CODE

NOTFUS

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 26

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Tall forest tree bearing masses of small sharply-toothed leaves that also have a small hairy pit at the junction of the veins. Trunk flaky. Leaves 2-4cm long. Flowers and fruit small and usually inconspicuous but change colour of tree when in flower.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

ETYMOLOGY

fusca: Brown tinged with grey or black

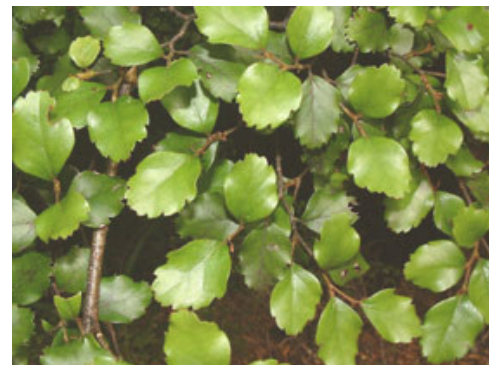
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Cobb Valley. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Kaitoke Ridge Track. May 2007. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/fuscospora-fusca/>