

# Geniostoma ligustrifolium var. ligustrifolium

## COMMON NAME

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## SYNONYMS

*Geniostoma rupestre* var. *ligustrifolium* (A.Cunn.) B.J.Conn

## FAMILY

Loganiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Geniostoma ligustrifolium* A.Cunn. var. *ligustrifolium*

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 40

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Shrub bearing pale green pointed leaves that are silvery pale underneath. Leaves thin, 5-7cm long by 2-3cm wide. Flowers small, green, slightly hairy, in clusters at base of leaf. Fruit a dry capsule splitting in two to showing the small orange seeds.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**geniostoma:** The tribe with pitted seed

**ligustrifolium:** From the genus *Ligustrum* privet and the Greek word phylum 'leaf', meaning privet-leaved



Hangehange. Photographer: Wayne Bennett



Picture of capsule. Photographer: Wayne Bennett

## NOTES ON TAXONOMY

The decision by Conn (1987) to treat the *Geniostoma ligustrifolium* as a variety of *G. rupestre* J.R.Forst. et G.Forst. does not accurately reflect the situation in this country. *G. ligustrifolium* var. *ligustrifolium* is sympatric with var. *crassum* (also treated as *G. rupestre* var. *crassum* by Conn in Connor & Edgar (1987)) on the Surville Cliffs and with var. *majus* (treated by Conn (1980) as a synonym of *G. rupestre* var. *ligustrifolium*) on the Three Kings Islands. In these locations occasional hybrids occur but otherwise the three taxa remain distinct (see Murray & de Lange 1999). Therefore the NZPCN follow Murray & de Lange (1999) and prefer to regard all three taxa as distinct from each other and *G. rupestre*.

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/geniostoma-ligustrifolium-var-ligustrifolium/>