

# Griselinia littoralis

## COMMON NAME

broadleaf, kāpuka, papauma

## FAMILY

Griselinaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Griselinia littoralis* Raoul

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

GRILIT

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy tree with a rough dark trunk bearing thick glossy green rounded leaves that are paler underneath on a yellowish stem. Leaves 5-10cm long by 2-5cm, base slightly uneven. Flowers small, yellowish or cream. Fruit dark purple, 6-7mm long, with a small ring at tip, arranged in a spike.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**griselinia:** After Griselini

**littoralis:** From the Latin littus 'shore', meaning shore-loving or growing on the shore

## 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/griselinia-littoralis/>



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