

Melicope simplex

COMMON NAME

poataniwha

FAMILY

Rutaceae

AUTHORITY

Melicope simplex A.Cunn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

MELSIM

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy widely branched shrub bearing small rounded rough-edged leaves with a joint where they attach to a flattened stalk. Leaf blade 5-10mm, rounded, thick, margin rough, young leaves with three leaflets. Flowers cream, star-shaped. Fruit dry, in 2-4 parts.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

ETYMOLOGY

melicope: Honey cut

simplex: Simple, not compound

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/melicope-simplex/>



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