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

Melicope simplex. Photographer: Wayne Bennett