

# Melicope ternata

## COMMON NAME

wharangī

## FAMILY

Rutaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Melicope ternata* A.Cunn.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

MELTER

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy small tree with glossy green leaves composed of three leaflets at the end of a long stalk and clusters of dry fruit enclosing a black shiny seed. Leaf blades 7-10cm, oval, three together on a long stalk. Flowers white. Fruit dry, splitting to show 2-3 seeds on a stalk.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## ETYMOLOGY

**melicope:** Honey cut

**ternata:** Triplets

## MORE INFORMATION

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



*Melicope ternata*. Photographer: Wayne Bennett



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