

Myrsine divaricata

COMMON NAME

weeping matipo, weeping mapou

FAMILY

Primulaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

MYRDIV

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 46

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Common tall shrub often with weeping widely branching twigs bearing small heart-shaped spotted leaves that have a dark blotch at the base. Twigs often curved downwards. Leaves 5-15mm long by 5-10mm wide, in clusters along twigs. Fruit pale purple to black.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South, Stewart and Auckland Islands. Uncommon north of the Waikato.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

ETYMOLOGY

myrsine: Myrrh

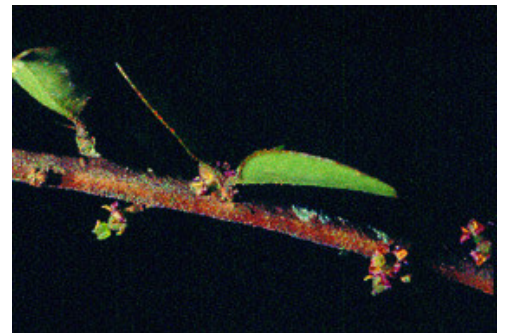
divaricata: Spreading or branching at wide angles

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/myrsine-divaricata/>



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