

# Nertera depressa

## COMMON NAME

nertera, bead plant, fruiting duckweed

## SYNONYMS

Coprosma nertera F.Muell.

## FAMILY

Rubiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Nertera depressa Banks et Sol. ex Gaertn.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

NERDEP

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. North, South, Stewart, Chatham and the Subantarctic Islands. Also in Australia and the south Pacific and South America

## SIMILAR TAXA

Can be distinguished from *Nertera ciliata* by the strong smell of the leaves when they're crushed (smells like *Coprosma foetidissima* does when the leaves are crushed). *Nertera ciliata* has no discernable smell when crushed (P. de Lange, 14 January 2014).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

## ETYMOLOGY

**nertera**: Lowly, low growing

**depressa**: From the Latin depremere 'to press down', meaning to be flattened vertically, often referring to a plant's habit

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/nertera-depressa/>



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