

Peperomia urvilleana

COMMON NAME

peperomia

SYNONYMS

Peperomia simplex Endl., *P. endlicheri* Mig.

FAMILY

Piperaceae

AUTHORITY

Peperomia urvilleana A.Rich.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

PEPURV

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Coastal to inland in warmer places throughout the North Island. In the South Island known only from the Marlborough Sounds and Golden Bay south to the Heaphy. Also on Raoul Island in the Kermadec Islands group. Present on Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands where it is usually regarded as scarce.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from rooted pieces, fresh seed and stem cuttings. An excellent pot plant, somewhat cold sensitive

ETYMOLOGY

peperomia: From the Greek *peperi* (pepper) and *homoios* (resembling), referring to its resemblance to a true pepper (to which it is closely related)

urvilleana: After D'Urville Island, which is named in honour of Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville (23 May 1790 - 8 May 1842) - a French explorer, naval officer and rear admiral, who explored the south and western Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and Antarctica.

WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally offered by specialist native plant nurseries.

MORE INFORMATION



Whangapoua, February. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Peperomia urvilleana, Auckland Botanic Garden. Photographer: John Barkla

