

Peperomia urvilleana

COMMON NAMES

peperomia

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

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.

GENUS

Peperomia

FAMILY

Piperaceae

AUTHORITY

Peperomia urvilleana A.Rich.

SYNONYMS

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

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

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

CULTIVATION

Occasionally offered by specialist native plant nurseries.

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.

NVS CODE

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CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the ["Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland"](#) Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/peperomia-urvilleana/>

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