

# Pittosporum cornifolium

## COMMON NAME

Tawhirikaro

## FAMILY

Pittosporaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Pittosporum cornifolium* A.Cunn.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

PITCOR

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Shrub often growing on other trees with whorls of thin twigs bearing whorls of 3-5 oval pointed leaves and reddish flowers on long stalks. Leaves 3.5-7.5cm long. Fruit a capsule, 1.5cm wide, splitting into two to display black seeds in an orange pith.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

## ETYMOLOGY

**pittosporum**: Pitch seed

**cornifolium**: Cornel-leafed

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pittosporum-cornifolium/>



Kennedy Bay, May. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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