

Pittosporum divaricatum

SYNONYMS

Pittosporum lineare Laing et Gourlay

FAMILY

Pittosporaceae

AUTHORITY

Pittosporum divaricatum Cockayne

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

PITDIV

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Hard shrub with thick wide-angled pale branches bearing small leathery leaves of two forms on the same plant: smooth oval leaves and deeply-lobed leaves. Flowers dark red, inconspicuous. Fruit a capsule splitting into two rough-surfaced halves to show the 2-6 black seeds.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

ETYMOLOGY

pittosporum: Pitch seed

divaricatum: Wide spreading

CULTURAL USE/IMPORTANCE

Pittosporum lineare Laing et Gourlay is treated here as a synonym because it grades into *P. divaricatum*. Some plants of *P. lineare* when cultivated have developed leaf morphologies consistent with *P. divaricatum*.

MORE INFORMATION

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



Sugarloaf, Canterbury (leaf detail).

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