**Pseudowintera traversii**

**SYNONYMS**
Hymenanthera traversii Buchanan, Drimys traversii (Buchanan) Kirk, Wintera monogyna Tiegh.

**FAMILY**
Winteraceae

**AUTHORITY**
Pseudowintera traversii (Buchanan) Dandy

**FLORA CATEGORY**
Vascular – Native

**ENDEMIC TAXON**
Yes

**ENDEMIC GENUS**
Yes

**ENDEMIC FAMILY**
No

**STRUCTURAL CLASS**
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

**NVS CODE**
PSETRA

**CHROMOSOME NUMBER**
$2n = 86$

**CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS**
2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP

**PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES**
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION**
Small shrub found in the northern West Coast area with small oval leaves that are white and dotted with glands underneath

**DISTRIBUTION**
Endemic. Northern West Coast and Nelson from Collingwood southwards to Westport

**HABITAT**
Montane and subalpine forest margins
**FEATURES**
Depressed to erect shrub to 1.5 m tall; trunks and branches upright or spreading, sometimes layering; bark rough, reddish brown dark; branchlets pale green or yellowish, viscid. Plants glabrous. Leaves close-set, alternate, pungent and mildly pepper-tasting; petiole stout, appressed or ascending, c. 5 mm long, greenish; midvein inconspicuous above, raised below; lamina 10–25 x 6–10 mm, obovate to broad-elliptic, margin thick, planar, tip obtuse or sometime retuse, very thick and coriaceous, upper surface matt dull olive-green, not blotched, undersides glaucous, dotted, both midrib and thickened margin yellow. Juvenile leaves larger. Inflorescences inconspicuous, axillary, flowers bisexual, c. 1 cm diam., in fascicles of 1-2, on decurved pedicels 1-5 mm long, bracts ciliate. Calyx cupule margins entire. Corolla comprised of 5-6 free petals, these 4-5 mm long, oblong to narrow-ovate, greenish yellow, apex obtuse. Carpels 1-2, stigma apical. Stamens 4-11. Fruit a 3-6-seeded fleshy depressed-ovoid berry, 2-3 mm diam., black, flesh red. Seed 1- or 3-angled, elliptic-ovate, 3.2-4.0 mm, surface irregular.

**SIMILAR TAXA**
Perhaps could be confused with Coprosma crassifolia which also has small leaves that are white underneath, but the leaves of this species are always in opposite pairs and are rounded rather than alternate and oval (and also usually larger).

**FLOWERING**
(February)

**FLOWER COLOURS**
Green, Yellow

**FRUITING**
(February)

**ETYMOLOGY**
pseudowintera: False Wintera (a related genus)
traversii: Named after William Thomas Locke Travers (1819-1903) who was an Irish lawyer, magistrate, politician, explorer, naturalist, photographer. He lived in New Zealand from 1849 and was a fellow of the Linnean Society.

**ATRIBUTION**

**REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING**

**NZPCN FACT SHEET CITATION**
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