

# Coprosma neglecta

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy robust shrub with pairs of small wide thick rounded leaves of eastern Northland coastal and lowland forest. Twigs fuzzy at tip. Leaves around 1cm wide, variable, veins not easily seen on upper surface, small pits present underneath. Very small dark tooth on stem between leaf bases. Fruit orange.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

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## DETAILED TAXONOMY

### FAMILY

Rubiaceae

### AUTHORITY

*Coprosma neglecta* Cheeseman

### ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

### ENDEMIC GENUS

No

### ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ECOLOGY

### LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Fleshy drupes are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ETYMOLOGY

**coprosma:** From the Greek kopros 'dung' and osme 'smell', referring to the foul smell of the species, literally 'dung smell'

**neglecta:** Overlooked

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to Coprosma species of New Zealand](#)

### NVS CODE

COPNEG

### CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44



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*Coprosma neglecta* at Surville Cliffs. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

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## REFERENCING AND CITATIONS

### REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-neglecta/>

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