

# Coriaria pottsiana

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Threatened – Nationally Critical | Qualifiers: Sp, DPS, DPT, RR

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Low-growing bushy spreading bronze shrub consisting of many erect soft square branches bearing bronze rounded wavy leaves 6-8mm long by 5-6mm wide inhabiting peaks in the East Cape. Leaves widest about the middle, with obvious side veins. Flowers arranged in a 4-14cm long spike at end of twigs.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

See [Flora of New Zealand](#) for a description

## GENUS

Coriaria

## FAMILY

Coriariaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Coriaria pottsiana* W.R.B.Oliv.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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

## POISONOUS PLANT

All *Coriaria* species are poisonous especially the seed inside the black berries. Click on this link for more information about [Poisonous native plants](#).

## ETYMOLOGY

**coriaria**: From the Latin corium 'hide', possibly from the use of some species for tanning leather

## NVS CODE

CORPOT

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 60



In cultivation (Nov). Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, RR, Sp

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, Sp

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

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## 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/coriaria-pottsiana/>

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