

# Pittosporum colensoi

## SYNONYMS

*Pittosporum tenuifolium* subsp. *colensoi* (Hook.f.) Kirk, *Pittosporum buchananii* Hook.f., *Pittosporum huttonianum* var. *viridifolium* Kirk

## FAMILY

Pittosporaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Pittosporum colensoi* Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

PITCOL

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Small tree bearing many flat even green leathery oval leaves that are paler underneath. Leaves 4-10cm long by 2-5cm wide. Flowers dark purple, star-shaped. Fruit 12mm wide, a hard capsule which splits into three to show black seeds in a sticky pith.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

UPL: Obligate Upland

Rarely is a hydrophyte, almost always in uplands (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

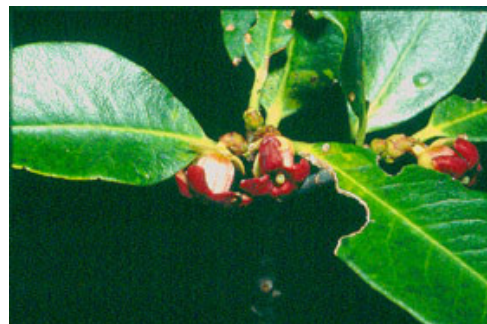
## ETYMOLOGY

**pittosporum**: Pitch seed

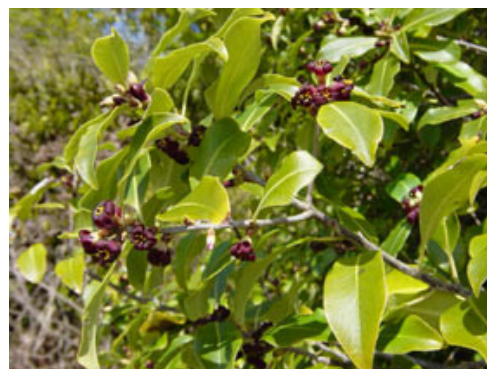
**colensoi**: Named after William Colenso (7 November 1811 - 10 February 1899) who was a Cornish Christian missionary to New Zealand, and also a printer, botanist, explorer and politician.

## MORE INFORMATION

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



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