

Coprosma macrocarpa subsp. minor

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Shrub with pairs of dark green glossy pointed leaves inhabiting coastal forests of the northern half of the North Island. Leaves to 12cm long, widest at middle, paler underneath. Small papery sheath on stem between the base of the pairs of leaves. Fruit orange, clustered on short stems.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Confined to the North Island and near shore islands (except the Three Kings Islands) from North Cape south to Kawhia Harbour and Hicks Bay

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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DETAILED TAXONOMY

FAMILY

Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY

Coprosma macrocarpa subsp. minor R.O.Gardner et Heads ex A.Druce

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

OTHER INFORMATION

ETYMOLOGY

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

macrocarpa: Large fruit

minor: Smaller

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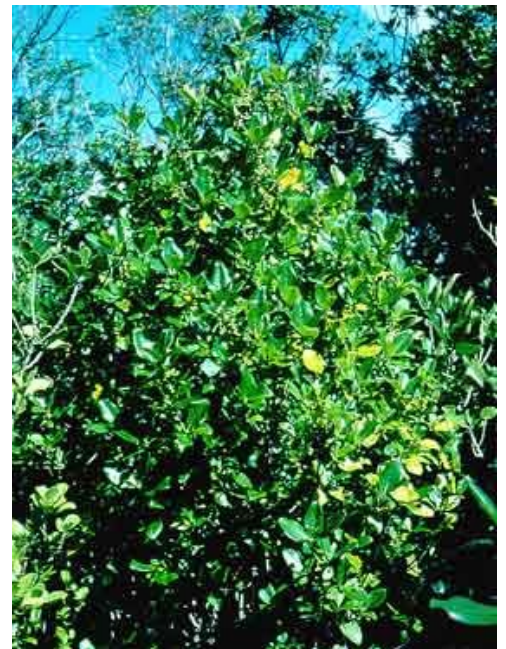
[Key to *Coprosma* species of New Zealand](#)

NVS CODE

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CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REFERENCING AND CITATIONS

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

[Gardner, R. 2006. Flowering time in *Coprosma macrocarpa* subsp. *minor* \(Rubiaceae\). Auckland Botanical Society Journal, Volume 61: 122-123.](#)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/coprosma-macrocarpa-subsp-minor/>

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