

Coriaria plumosa

COMMON NAME

feathery tutu, mountain tutu, small-leaved tutu

SYNONYMS

Coriaria lurida var. *parviflora* Cockayne et Allan; *Coriaria lurida* complex sensu Allan (1961)

FAMILY

Coriariaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

CORPLU

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing bushy spreading shrub consisting of many erect branches bearing feathery dark green narrow pointed leaves 6-8mm long by 1.5-3mm wide, widest near base of leaf. Inhabiting open upland areas. Branches square in cross-section, soft. Fruit black, arranged in a short spike.

DISTRIBUTION

North Island from Mount Egmont and Mount Hikurangi south and throughout South Island.

HABITAT

Occurs in lowland to lower subalpine zones on alluvial ground, grassland, stream-beds and debris slopes.

LIFE CYCLE

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

ETYMOLOGY

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

plumosa: Feathery

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](#).



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MORE INFORMATION

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