

Griselinia lucida

COMMON NAME

puka, akapuka

SYNONYMS

Scopolia lucida J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.

FAMILY

Griselinaceae

AUTHORITY

Griselinia lucida G.Forst.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GRILUC

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

An epiphytic (sometimes terrestrial, especially on cliffs) shrub with stout, woody, descending roots that have distinctive longitudinal grooves and rough bark; bears thick glossy green rounded leaves that are paler underneath and with a noticeably uneven base. Leaves up to 18cm long by 12cm wide. Flowers small, yellowish or cream. Fruit dark purple, 5-10 long, with a small ring at tip.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

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

ETYMOLOGY

griselinia: After Grisellini

lucida: Shining



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Seedling on trunk of hard beech (*Fuscospora truncata*), Kwith George Memorial Scenic Reserve, Upper Hutt. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 11/10/2006, Licence: CC BY.

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/griselinia-lucida/>