

# Peperomia urvilleana

## COMMON NAME

peperomia

## SYNONYMS

*Peperomia simplex* Endl., *P. endlicheri* Mig.

## FAMILY

Piperaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Peperomia urvilleana* A.Rich.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

PEPURV

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Coastal to inland in warmer places throughout the North Island. In the South Island known only from the Marlborough Sounds and Golden Bay south to the Heaphy. Also on Raoul Island in the Kermadec Islands group. Present on Norfolk and Lord Howe Islands where it is usually regarded as scarce.

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from rooted pieces, fresh seed and stem cuttings. An excellent pot plant, somewhat cold sensitive

## ETYMOLOGY

**peperomia:** From the Greek *peperi* (pepper) and *homoios* (resembling), referring to its resemblance to a true pepper (to which it is closely related)

**urvilleana:** After D'Urville Island, which is named in honour of Jules Sébastien César Dumont d'Urville (23 May 1790 - 8 May 1842) - a French explorer, naval officer and rear admiral, who explored the south and western Pacific, Australia, New Zealand and Antarctica.

## WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally offered by specialist native plant nurseries.



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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/peperomia-urvilleana/>