



## *Veronica scopulorum*

### **Common Name(s):**

Awaroa koromiko

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. North Island, western Waikato, south of Kawhia Harbour where it confined to limestone outcrops at the head waters of the Awaroa River and northern Taumatotara Range.

### **Habitat:**

Confined to exposed limestone bluffs and rock outcrops.

### **Features\*:**

Compact shrub 0.4-0.8 x 0.4-0.8 m. Mature stems black or grey, encased in thick cork; young stems green to brown; leaf scars evident; indument pubescent and bifarious to uniform. Leaf bud as long as mature leaves; sinus evident, narrowly acute to broad. Petiole 2-8 mm. Leaves erecto-patent to patent; lamina linear-elliptic, elliptic to narrowly oblanceolate, subcoriaceous, m-shaped in cross section, 14-80 x 4-16 mm, apex plicate, subacute to acute; base cuneate; upper surface green to dark green, glossy, under sides glaucous, dull. Inflorescences 7-40-flowered, 1-5 mm long, lateral, compound, racemose with 1-2 branches at base. Flowers hermaphrodite, pale mauve at anthesis. Calyx 2.3-3.5 mm, 4-lobed; lobes lanceolate, ovate or elliptic. Corolla tube 3-4 x 1.5-2 mm, elliptic, lanceolate or oblong, subacute, suberect. Anthers apiculate, mauve, violet or white. Capsules 3.2-4.5 x 2-3 mm, pale to dark brown.

### **Flowering:**

(September-) October (-  
December)

### **Fruiting:**

November -  
March

### **Threats:**

Habitat loss through weed invasion, forest degradation and goat and possum browse.

### **\*Attribution:**

Fact Sheet Prepared by P.J. de Lange (1 November 2009).  
Description based on Baylet et al. (2002) (2006) but see also Bayly & Kellow (2006)

### **References and further reading:**

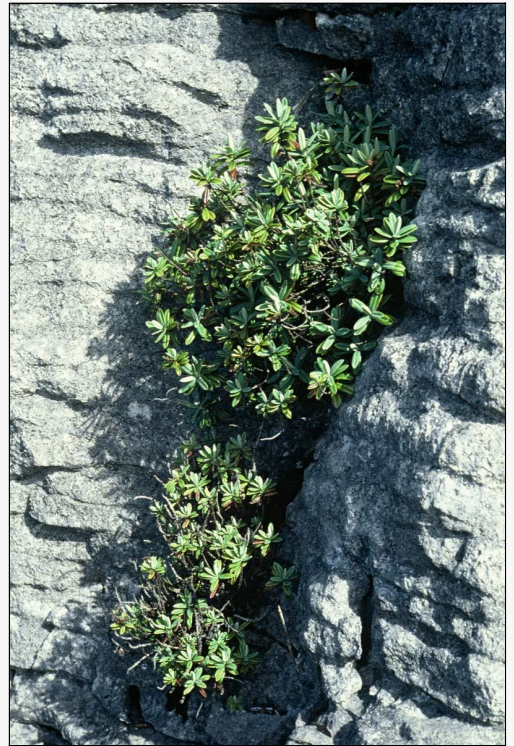
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**Caption:** Rock Peak, 1986

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**Caption:** Photo taken at Awaroa Scenic Reserve, Kawhia, November

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