



## *Alseuosmia banksii* var. *linariifolia*

### Common Name(s):

None known

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

### Distribution:

Endemic. North Island only, local from Kaitaia to about Kaiwaka

### Habitat:

Coastal to lowland. Often in alluvial forest, and/or mixed hardwood forest. Often associated with kauri (*Agathis australis* (D. Don) Lindl.).

### Features:

Bushy slender shrub up to c.1 m tall; branchlets slender, spreading, red-brown, pubescent. Leaves on petioles up to 10 mm long, slender, flattened, pubescent. Lamina submembranous, narrow-linear to linear, 5.0-30.0 × 2.5-7.0 mm; yellow-green to dark green, often more or less red-flushed, rarely flecked, apex acute, base attenuate to cuneately narrowed. Margins entire to subentire – and then with only a few faint teeth toward apex. Flowers 10-15 mm long, mostly solitary, rarely in fascicles of 2-3 together. Calyx pubescent; lobes 4 deeply cut to 1/2-way, bluntly triangular, pubescent. Corolla tube 8-10 mm long; very slightly flaring, greenish yellow or yellow with red-tinges or completely pink; lobes 3.0-3.5 mm, fimbriate, flaring widely at anthesis. Berry 5-9 × 4-7 mm subglobose to subturbinate, fleshy, red, puberulent.

### Flowering:

September - December

### Fruiting:

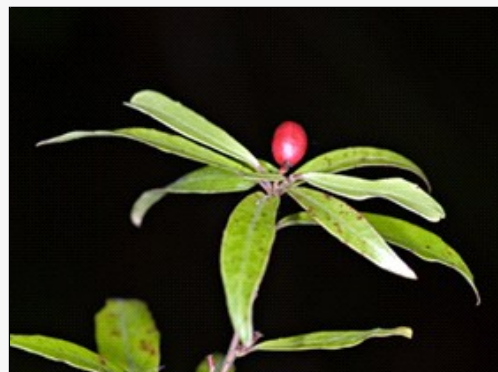
November - February

### Threats:

Uncertain. This plant is not very well known, and due to confusion over its exact identity, most records actually refer to an apparently unnamed species instead. Further survey to ascertain its exact status is urgently needed as current indications are that this plant is extremely uncommon with most records coming from roadside scrub and unprotected forest remnants.

### For more information, visit:

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=1487](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1487)



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