



Veronica stricta var. *egmontiana*

Common Name(s):

koromiko

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

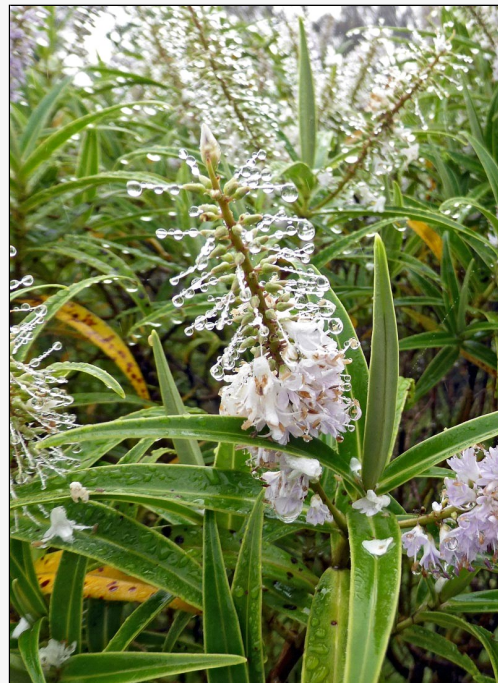
Endemic. North Island. Mt Taranaki (Mt Egmont National Park)

Habitat:

Common in open sites within montane forest and in subalpine scrub.

Features*:

Compact shrub or small tree 2(-4) m tall. Branchlets glabrescent. Stem internodes shorter than or equal to stem diameter. Leaf bud without sinus. Leaves, spreading, 60-70(-100) mm, dark green, yellow-green or glaucous (not glossy), linear-lanceolate, fleshy, tapering to a narrow acute tip, leaf margin usually entire, or toothed. Inflorescence lateral, racemose, much longer than leaves, occasionally drooping, bracts and calyx-lobes ciliolate otherwise all other inflorescence structures glabrous. Flowers white, not obviously scented. Corolla tube 6 mm, exceeding calyx, narrow, cylindrical, lobes rounded. Capsules < 5 mm long, glabrous, erect to spreading.



Caption: Mount Taranaki.
Photographer: Colin Ogle

Flowering:

(July-) August (-October) but flowering can also occur sporadically throughout the year

Fruiting:

(September-) November (-January) but seed capsules may be found throughout the year

Threats:

Although currently considered Not Threatened, as circumscribed here, this variety as an Mt Egmont endemic should be assessed At Risk/Range Restricted

***Attribution:**

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References and further reading:

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