



Veronica stricta var. *stricta*

Common Name(s):

koromiko

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic to the North and northern South Island. Somewhat local in the far North, otherwise common and widespread in the North Island. Only locally common in the northern South Island.

Habitat:

Common in successional habitats from coastal areas to lower montane habitats.

Features*:

Shrub or small tree (1-)2(-4) m tall. Branchlets finely pubescent. Stem internodes longer than stem diameter. Leaf bud without sinus. Leaves, spreading, 50-100(-120) mm, dull green to yellow-green (not glossy), lanceolate, linear-lanceolate, somewhat leathery, apex often acuminate, leaf margin usually entire, occasionally toothed. Inflorescence lateral, racemose, much longer than leaves, drooping, sometimes spiraled, all parts except flower finely pubescent. Flowers sweetly (sometimes over powerfully so) scented, lilac, mauve or white. Corolla tube 6 mm, exceeding calyx, narrow, cylindric, lobes rounded. Capsules < 5 mm long, pendent, all parts pubescent.

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:

Not Threatened

*Attribution:

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