



## *Solanum laciniatum*

### Common Name(s):

poroporo, bullibulli

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Indigenous. North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands. Widespread from the Hauraki Gulf Islands and Auckland south. In the northern part of its range actively spreading northwards caused it would seem through establishment through bird dispersal of fruit from garden plantings. Also present in south eastern Australia and Tasmania. Naturalised in parts of China and Russia.

### Habitat:

Coastal to montane (0-400 m a.s.l.). usually in disturbed successional habitats, in shrublands, gullies, alongside riversides, on forested margins and in reverting pasture. Often appears following fires. A common urban weed in many parts of the country.

### Features\*:

Erect to spreading, glabrous, soft-wooded shrub up to 4 x 3 m. Stems initially somewhat fleshy, purple-green, dark green to dark purple coloured, maturing with fine, firm, grey chartaceous bark, rather brittle. Leaves in stout petioles up to 50 mm long; lamina 100-800 x 40-60 mm, sometimes even larger, very dark green to purple-green, entire or pinnatisect, (then with 1-4(-6) pairs of lobes almost cut to midrib) on the same plant; lobes up to 50 x 20 mm, lanceolate to linear-lanceolate, or more or less elliptic; base decurrent on petiole; apex obtuse to acuminate. Flowers in 2-10-many-flowered cymes, peduncles up to 20 mm long at anthesis, decurved, slender but robust; pedicels pendent at fruiting. Calyx 5-8 mm long, accrescent; lobes broadly ovate-triangular, mucronate, much < tube. Corolla 50 mm diameter, rotate, violet or white, lobes very broad, margins frilled or ruffled, apices emarginate. Anthes 3-4 mm long. Berry 23-30 mm long, yellow or orange when ripe, fleshy, ovoid, ellipsoid, pendent, stoen cells obvious and frequent similar or shape to seeds. Seeds 2.2-2.5 mm diameter, obovoid though somewhat asymmetric.

### Flowering:

Throughout the year

### Fruiting:

Throughout the year

### Threats:

Not Threatened

### \*Attribution:

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### References and further reading:

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### For more information, visit:

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=2261](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2261)



**Caption:** Harold Pierce Reserve, W Waitangi, Chatham Island

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