



Pomaderris hamiltonii

Common Name(s):

Pale-flowered kumarahou

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. North Island only, vicinity of Warkworth and Omaha, near Kaiaua and Miranda and on Great Barrier Island

Habitat:

Coastal to lowland in open successional habitats and shrubland. Often found along roadside cuttings where the constant disturbance provides an ideal habitat.

Features:

Shrub to small tree 3-6 m tall. branches upright rarely spreading, branches slender, bark dark brown, finely rugose. Seedling leaves dark green and glossy above, pale, and dull beneath, margins finely toothed. Leaves of seedlings, juveniles and adults petiolate, petioles pliant, dark green to brown green, somewhat rugose, at first finely covered in stellate hairs, trending to glabrous with age. Adult leaves 20-80 x 10-40 mm, dark green above (not glossy), pale grey-green beneath, elliptic to elliptic-ovate; upper surface glabrous except for sparse, simple hairs present toward the sunken midrib; lower surface covered with fine, grey stellate indumentum, with larger simple and stellate veins on midrib and veins; margins entire, sometimes revolute; stipules 4-5 mm long, caducous. Inflorescence a terminal, open, many-branched corymb. Calyx reflexed, pale greenish; tube with scattered long, white, simple hairs until after anthesis. Petals cream; limb broad. Anthers oblong. Ovary with stellate hairs at apex, wholly immersed in calyx tube at anthesis, 1/2 immersed at fruiting. Fruit cocci opening by percula, occupying 1/2 of their inner faces.

Flowering:

(August-) October (-November)

Fruiting:

(November-) December - January

Threats:

Many populations occur on roadside cuttings where they are at constant risk from road maintenance crews, roadside spraying, and road widening. Some populations have been lost through natural succession

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Caption: Ex. cult Kaiaua Road, November 1992

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