



## *Cotoneaster coriaceous*

### **Common Name(s):**

cotoneaster

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Habitat:**

Dry shrubland, forest margins, wasteland in urban places.

### **Features:**

Spreading evergreen shrub up to 3 m high. Young shoots buff tomentose and erect, later becoming glabrous, dark purplish and arching. Leaves up to 80m x 45 mm, slightly shining and with deeply impressed veins above, tomentose beneath, becoming less so with age. Flowers in clusters of 20-80, with spreading white petals. Fruit 5-8 mm diameter, glossy orange of scarlet red.

### **Flowering:**

November, December, January

### **Fruiting:**

February-August.

### **References and further reading:**

Dickore WB, Kasperek G. 2010: Species of *Cotoneaster* (Rosaceae, Maloideae) indigenous to, naturalising or commonly cultivated in Central Europe. *Willdenowia* 40(2): 13-45.

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=3744](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3744)



**Caption:** SH4 ('Parapara') dominant shrubs on very steep mudstone; fruiting

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