

## Euphorbia glauca (Waiuatua)

(Shore spurge)





## Description:

- A plant that is listed as threatened by grazing stock and coastal development. It does not compete well with taller grasses
- With its creeping habit and underground stems (*rhizomes*) it is excellent for stabilising dunes and cliffs

• Shore spurge has distinctive blue foliage (glauca) with reddish stems. When broken those stems exude a milky sap that can irritate the skin

## Fruit & Flowers:

- The flowers, produced October to February are relatively small
- The seed dispersal is over a relatively long period. December to May
- Perhaps the rhizome growth is more effective in establishing the plant