

# Pachystegia insignis

## COMMON NAME

Marlborough rock daisy, Marlborough daisy

## SYNONYMS

Olearia insignis Hook.f., Olearia marginata Colenso

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Pachystegia insignis (Hook.f.) Cheeseman

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

PACINS

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing shrub of several forms all share white fuzzy twigs bearing large leathery leaves that are white underneath inhabiting rocky cliffs and coastal faces in the seaward Kaikoura Ranges south to northern Canterbury. Leaves to 16cm long by 7.5cm wide, on stout fuzzy stalk. Flower head >3.5cm wide.

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island, Marlborough only

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Best from fresh seed which germinates easily. Can be grown from cuttings but these are hard to strike. Should be grown in a very dry, sunny place in free draining soil, a rock wall is ideal. Dislikes humidity and once established will not tolerate much root disturbance. Transplants with difficulty



South Kaikoura coast variant. In cultivation. Dec 2006. Photographer: Peter J. de Lange, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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## ETYMOLOGY

**pachystegia:** Thick covering

**insignis:** Outstanding or remarkable

## WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally offered by retail plant nurseries and most specialist native plant nurseries.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pachystegia-insignis/>