

# Ajania pacifica

## COMMON NAME

green-and-silver chrysanthemum

## SYNONYMS

*Dendranthema pacificum*, *Chrysanthemum pacificum*

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Ajania pacifica* (Nakai) K.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A low growing flowering deciduous sub-shrub with prostrate stems rooting at nodes. Its ovate leaves are silvery green with lobed silver margins. Flowers in autumn, producing clusters of yellow daisy-like inflorescences with scarcely developed ray florets (although a cultivar named 'Pink Ice' has conspicuous pink ray florets). Seedlings have been seen to establish near planted specimens.

## HABITAT

Tolerant of very dry well-drained conditions.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easiest from rooted pieces; also seed

## YEAR NATURALISED

2018

## ORIGIN

Honshu, Japan

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## ETYMOLOGY

**pacifica**: Of the Pacific Ocean.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ajania-pacifica/>



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Planted cv 'Pink Ice', on rock wall near Huatoki Stream, New Plymouth. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 15/05/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.