

Ajania pacifica

COMMON NAMES

green-and-silver chrysanthemum

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

SIMPLIFIED 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.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

HABITAT

Tolerant of very dry well-drained conditions.

GENUS

Ajania

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

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SYNONYMS

Dendranthema pacificum, *Chrysanthemum pacificum*

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2018

ORIGIN

Honshu, Japan

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easiest from rooted pieces; also seed

ETYMOLOGY

pacifica: Of the Pacific Ocean.



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



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.

MORE INFORMATION

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