

Ajania pacifica

COMMON NAME

green-and-silver chrysanthemum

SYNONYMS

Dendranthema pacificum, *Chrysanthemum pacificum*

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

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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/>



Planted on rock wall near Huatoki Stream, New Plymouth. Photographer: Colin Ogle



Planted cv 'Pink Ice', on rock wall near Huatoki Stream, New Plymouth. Photographer: Colin Ogle