

Alseuosmia banksii var. banksii

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Shrub of Northland forests. Leaves vary,

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island only from Te Paki to the near the northern margin of Auckland City.

THREATS

Not Threatened. However, highly palatable to browsing animals, so rarely seen in places frequented by goats, cattle, sheep, or horses.

GENUS

Alseuosmia

FAMILY

Alseuosmiaceae

AUTHORITY

Alseuosmia banksii A.Cunn. var. *banksii*

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from cuttings but very hard to maintain once rooted. Seed is very difficult to germinate. Does best in a semi-shaded site but difficult to maintain.

ETYMOLOGY

alseuosmia: Perfume grove

banksii: Named after Sir Joseph Banks, 1st Baronet, GCB, PRS (24 February 1743 - 19 June 1820) was an English naturalist, botanist and patron of the natural sciences.

NVS CODE

ALSBVB

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 18



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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Endangered | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, PF, RF, Sp Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the [“Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland”](#) Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/alseuosmia-banksii-var-banksii/>

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