

Alseuosmia turneri

FAMILY

Alseuosmiaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

ALSTUR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 18

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Glossy shrub of the western Volcanic Plateau. Leaves glossy green, noticeably longer than wide, with irregular teeth on margins. Flowers pink or red, tubular, drooping, in small clusters at base of leaves. Fruit fleshy, red, on long stalk.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island only, western portion of the Central Volcanic Plateau

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, Red/Pink

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Can be grown from semi-hardwood cuttings though these strike with varying degrees of success. Seed is often hard to germinate. Layers readily. Prefers a semi-shaded site in a cool place with permanently damp soil. Slow growing and prone to sudden collapse during dry spells.

ETYMOLOGY

alseuosmia: Perfume grove

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309



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