Alseuosmia turneri

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: CD, DPS, DPT, RR
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED 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.

FLOWER COLOURS
Cream, Red/Pink

DISTRIBUTION
Endemic. New Zealand: North Island (western portion of the Central Volcanic Plateau).

GENUS
Alseuosmia

FAMILY
Alseuosmiaceae

AUTHORITY
Alseuosmia turneri R.O.Gardner

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

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

NVS CODE
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CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 18

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 11*: 285–309. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ppees.2009.06.001.

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/alseuosmia-turneri/

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