

Elaeocarpus dentatus var. obovatus

COMMON NAMES

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BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Data Deficient

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Canopy tree bearing harsh thin leaves that have obvious pits on the underside and with small teeth along margins. Twigs with small hairs. Adult leaves 5-7cm long by 3-5cm wide, on long slender stem, Juvenile leaves longer and narrower. Flowers white, lacy, in conspicuous sprays. Fruit purple, oval, 12-15mm long.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (Marlborough Sounds, Nelson (Tasman Bay and North West Nelson)

HABITAT

Coastal to lowland forest.

GENUS

Elaeocarpus

FAMILY

Elaeocarpaceae

AUTHORITY

Elaeocarpus dentatus var. obovatus Cheeseman

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

elaecarpus: Olive-seed

dentatus: Toothed

obovatus: From the Latin prefix ob- ('reverse') and the adjective ovatus 'egg-shaped'. Thus obovatus means 'reverse egg-shaped, i.e. the broadest part above the middle'.

NVS CODE

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/elaecarpus-dentatus-var-obovatus/>

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