

Elatostema rugosum

COMMON NAME

parataniwha, New Zealand begonia

FAMILY

Urticaceae

AUTHORITY

Elatostema rugosum A.Cunn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

ELARUG

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

North Island only, from North Cape to Kapiti Island and the Tararua range. Locally sparse in the lower North Island.

HABITAT

Damp and shaded areas often by streamsides in lowland to montane forest.

LIFE CYCLE

Papery achenes are dispersed by ballistic projection and water (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

elatostema: Projecting stamens

rugosum: Wrinkled

WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally available from specialist native plant nurseries.

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* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/elatostema-rugosum/>



Hapuakohe range. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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