

# Exocarpos bidwillii

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy small shrub with many yellowish leafless twigs inhabiting mountain areas of the South Island. Twigs with small dark triangular scales and pale grooves. New twigs narrower, orange. Flowers small, inconspicuous, pale green yellow. Fruit reddish, oval, with hard seed at tip.

## GENUS

Exocarpos

## FAMILY

Santalaceae

## AUTHORITY

Exocarpos bidwillii Hook.f.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Arillate nutlets are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**exocarpos**: Outside fruit

**bidwillii**: Named after the botanist - John Carne Bidwill (born 1815 and died 16 March 1853)

## NVS CODE

EXOBID

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, NR, NS, Sp Help  
The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the [“Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025”](#) Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.



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## 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/exocarpos-bidwillii/>

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