

Gaultheria paniculata

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy sprawling shrub bearing elliptic leathery toothed leaves inhabiting open areas in the North Island. Twigs reddish, hairs dark, bristly. Flowers in several wide branched sprays to 6cm long and 6cm wide (at the base) towards the tip of twigs. Leaves 3-5cm long by 1-2cm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

GENUS

Gaultheria

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria paniculata B.L.Burt et A.W.Hill

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

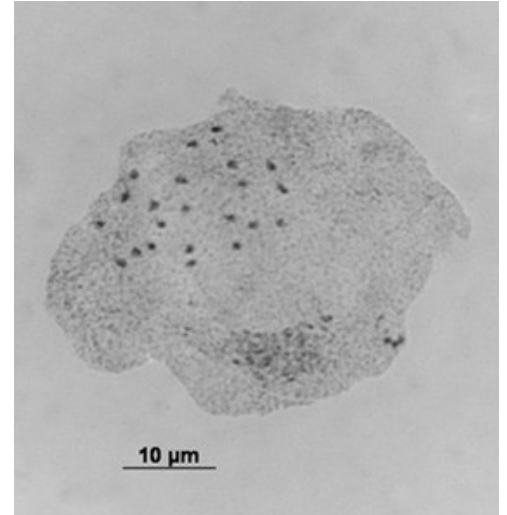
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NVS CODE

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CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22



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Gaultheria paniculata. Whakamaru, September. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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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/gaultheria-paniculata/>

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