Gaultheria rupestris

SYNONYMS
Gaultheria subcorymbosa Colenso, Gaultheria rupestris var. subcorymbosa (Colenso) B.L.Burtt et A.W.Hill, Gaultheria glandulosa Colenso

FAMILY
Ericaceae

AUTHORITY
Gaultheria rupestris (L.f.) D.Don

FLORA CATEGORY
Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE
GAURUP

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION
Bushy sprawling shrub bearing oval leathery toothed leaves on hairy twigs inhabiting mountains from the Ruahine south. Hairs on twigs dark. Flowers white, bell-shaped, in occasionally-branched clusters to 8cm long at the tip of twigs. Leaves 20-35mm long by 6-10mm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

FLOWER COLOURS
White

LIFE CYCLE
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.
rupestris: From the Latin rupes ‘rock, cliff’, meaning growing in rocky places

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