**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

**REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING**
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