

Helichrysum coralloides

COMMON NAMES

coral sea shrub

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Thick knobbly stems to 60cm tall inhabiting upland areas in southern Marlborough. Stems 7.5-10mm thick. Leaves scale-like, 5mm long, embedded in hairy stem. Flowers yellow, in a tight daisy-like cluster at tip of stems.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

GENUS

Helichrysum

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Helichrysum coralloides (Hook.f.) Benth. et Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

Ozothamnus coralloides Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Pappate achenes are dispersed by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

helichrysum: From the Greek words helios 'sun' and chrysos 'gold', referring to the colour of the flowers of some species

NVS CODE

HELCOR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28



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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/helichrysum-coralloides/>

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