

Helichrysum parvifolium

SYNONYMS

Ozothamnus microphyllus Hook.f., Helichrysum microphyllum (Hook.f.)
Benth. et Hook.f. ex Kirk nom. illegit.,

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Helichrysum parvifolium Yeo

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

HELPAR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low growing masses of green and white stems inhabiting open areas of upland northern South Island mountains. Stems 1-2mm wide. Leaves scale-like, 2-2.5mm long, green, pointed, embedded in whiteish fuzz. Flowers yellowish, in tight 4-8mm wide cluster at tip of stems.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

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

parvifolium: Small-leafed

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



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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/helichrysum-parvifolium/>