

# Helichrysum parvifolium

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED 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

## GENUS

Helichrysum

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Helichrysum parvifolium* Yeo

## SYNONYMS

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

## 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

**parvifolium:** Small-leafed

## NVS CODE

HELPAR

## 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-parvifolium/>

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