

Helichrysum plumeum

SYNONYMS

Helichrysum selago var. *tomentosum* Cheeseman

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Helichrysum plumeum Allan

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

HELPLU

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, Sp

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, Sp

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low growing rounded shrub with leafless erect hairy stems tipped by yellow flowers inhabiting southern Canterbury mountains. Stems 2-4mm wide. Leaves scale-like, greenish but more or less covered in yellow or white fuzz, embedded in fuzz. Flowers yellow in a tight 3-6mm wide cluster at tip of stems.

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, 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

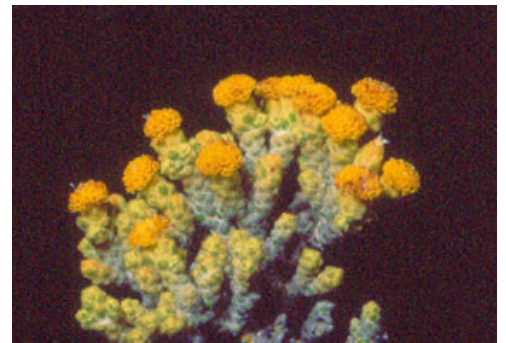
REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION



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