

# Helichrysum plumeum

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, Sp

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED 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

## GENUS

Helichrysum

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Helichrysum plumeum* Allan

## SYNONYMS

*Helichrysum selago* var. *tomentosum* Cheeseman

## 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

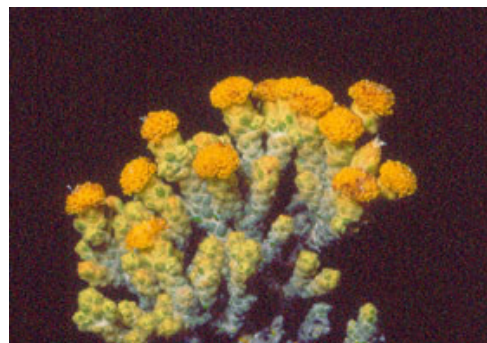
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## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28



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## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

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

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

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

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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-plumeum/>

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