

Jovellana sinclairii

COMMON NAMES

New Zealand calceolaria

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Herbaceous, leafy, ± glandular-pubescent, perennial, forming rounded shrubs up to 1.0 × 1.8 m. Stems up to 0.8 m long, green or red, laxly branched, slender, initially sprawling, otherwise ascendant, bases becoming woody with age; upper branches numerous, slender, finely striate, often bearing minute leaflets in axils. Leaves opposite, somewhat membranous; petiole up to 8.2 × 2.3 mm, fleshy, adaxially channeled, bases sometimes pulvinate; lamina 20-80 × 20-50 mm, dark green to yellow-green above, light green or pinkish below, narrow-ovate, broad-ovate, ovate-oblong to ovate elliptic, apiculate, margins coarsely 2-3 crenate-serrate, sometimes lobed, bases broadly cuneate, cordate to weakly oblique, sometimes cordate-truncate. Inflorescences numerous, slender, terminal, paniculate, usually trichotomously branched, up to 300 mm. Pedicels slender, up to 30 mm. Calyx subcampanulate, c.2 mm, deeply cut into ovate to deltoid lobes. Corolla white to yellow-flushed, spotted purple, puberulous, divided c.one-third to half-way into 2 nearly equal concave lips 4.8-10.2 mm long. Anthers suborbicular, filaments short. Capsule obovoid, 3.8-4.2 mm long. Seed 0.35-0.60 mm, dark red-brown, ± elliptic to oblong, rarely curved.

DISTRIBUTION

Locally found from near Hicks Bay southwards.

HABITAT

Shaded coastal and lower montane streamsides, cliff seepages, or on damp sparsely vegetated ground on forest margins.

GENUS

Jovellana

FAMILY

Calceolariaceae

AUTHORITY

Jovellana sinclairii (Hook.f.) Kranzl.

SYNONYMS

Calceolaria sinclairii Hook.



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ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FRUITING

October - February

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds are dispersed by wind and possibly water (Thorsen et al., 2009).

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easily grown from seed and cuttings.

PLANT OF THE MONTH

This plant has been featured as a Plant of the Month – see [Trilepidea: NZPCN newsletter for November 2011](#) for the full story.

ETYMOLOGY

jovellana: A man's name

sinclairii: After Sinclair (c. 1796–1861). Colonial Secretary and naturalist.

NVS CODE

JOVSIN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

2012 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

2009 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DP

2004 | Gradual Decline

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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ATTRIBUTION

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