

# Macrolearia oporina

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Small tree with narrow leathery saw-edged dark green leaves that are white underneath and large yellow-centred whiteish daisy-like heads inhabiting the Fiordland coast. Leaves 5–10 cm long by 1.5–2 cm wide, widest at middle, with large thick teeth along edge. Flowers 3–4 cm wide, petals white, centre yellow.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (west and south Fiordland from Martins Bay southwards), Stewart Island/Rakiura and some surrounding islands and islets (e.g., Codfish Island / Whenua Hou).

## HABITAT

Coastal. Usually a component of coastal scrub or forest, often on peaty ground, where it is usually associated with muttonbird daisy (*Brachyglottis rotundifolia*), inaka (*Dracophyllum longifolium*), and kokomuka (*Veronica elliptica*).

## GENUS

Macrolearia

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Macrolearia oporina (G.Forst.) Saldivia

## SYNONYMS

Arnica oporina G.Forst., Olearia oporina (G.Forst.) Hook.f., Olearia oporina var. robusta Kirk

## TAXONOMIC NOTES

*Macrolearia oporina* is closely allied to *M. angustifolia* and *M. chathamica*, and, on the assumption that all three species were allopatric, some botanists have considered them all varieties / subspecies of each other. This view was not upheld by Saldivia et al. (2022) who established the genus *Macrolearia*, in the process reviewing the status of the species previously treated as macrocephalous *Olearia*. Saldivia et al. (2022) records *M. oporina* from Stewart Island/Rakiura and some of the near shore islands and islets to it, suggesting sympatry with *M. angustifolia*.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes



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## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ETYMOLOGY

**oporina**: Autumnal

## NVS CODE

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## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

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

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Pérez P, Wagstaff S, Breitwieser I, Orlovich D, Lord J. 2022. A Generic Taxonomic Synopsis of the *Pleurophyllum* Clade (Asteraceae: Astereae: Celmisiinae) with the Recognition of the New Zealand Endemic New Genus *Macrolearia*. *Systematic Botany* 47(2): 607–634. <https://doi.org/10.1600/036364422X16512564801722>.

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## MORE INFORMATION

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