

Metrosideros diffusa

COMMON NAME

white rātā

SYNONYMS

Melaleuca diffusa G.Forst., Metrosideros hypericifolia A.Cunn.

FAMILY

Myrtaceae

AUTHORITY

Metrosideros diffusa (G.Forst.) Sm.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

METDIF

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Found throughout the North, South and Stewart Islands

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

THREATS

Myrtle Rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus which threatens native myrtle species - learn more myrtlerust.org.nz

ETYMOLOGY

metrosideros: Iron heart

diffusa: Of spreading growth

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-diffusa/>



Okarito River. Dec 1982. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Blue duck S.R. Photographer: Gillian Crowcroft