Metrosideros fulgens

COMMON NAMES
climbing rātā

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS
Red/Pink, Yellow

THREATS
Myrtle rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus that threatens native myrtle species. Learn more myrtlerust.org.nz.

GENUS
Metrosideros

FAMILY
Myrtaceae

AUTHORITY
Metrosideros fulgens Sol. ex Gaertn.

SYNONYMS
Leptospermum scandens J.R.Forst. et G.Forst., Metrosideros scandens (J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.) Druce, Metrosideros florida Sm.

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

ETYMOLOGY
metrosideros: Iron heart

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY
Key to the Myrtaceae of New Zealand

NVS CODE
METFUL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 22



Rootlets clinging to supporting tree. Silverstream, Upper Hutt. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 07/10/2006, Licence: CC BY.



PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DP, De
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT Help
The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the "Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland" Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-fulgens/

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