

# Metrosideros fulgens

## COMMON NAME

climbing rātā

## SYNONYMS

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

## FAMILY

Myrtaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Metrosideros fulgens* Sol. ex Gaertn.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

METFUL

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

## THREATS

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**metrosideros**: Iron heart

## MORE INFORMATION

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



Rootlets clinging to supporting tree.  
Silverstream, Upper Hutt. Photographer:  
Jeremy Rolfe



Emerging flowers. Te Marua. Photographer:

