

Olearia avicenniifolia

COMMON NAME

mountain akeake

SYNONYMS

Shawia avicenniifolia Raoul

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Olearia avicenniifolia (Raoul) Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

OLEAVI

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy small tree bearing leathery narrow pointed dark green glossy leaves that are white underneath and large clusters of white daisy-like flowers that develop into fluffy seeds. Leaves variable, 5-10cm long, much longer than wide, edge nearly smooth. Flower petals white.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

ETYMOLOGY

olearia: Named after Johann Gottfried Olearius, a 17th-century German scholar, writer of hymns and author of *Specimen Florae Hallensis*

avicenniifolia: Leaves like mangrove (*Avicennia*)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-avicenniifolia/>



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