

# Pimelea orthia subsp. protea

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DPT, OL

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## SIMILAR TAXA

*Pimelea orthia* subsp. *protea* differs from the *Pimelea orthia* subsp. *orthia* by having both erect and prostrate growth habits, and by being restricted to sand dune habitats, as opposed to the mostly erect habit, and infertile consolidated soil habitat for subsp. *orthia*.

## DISTRIBUTION

Mahia peninsula isthmus on the east coast of the North Island

## HABITAT

Stable sand dunes

## SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Sand

## GENUS

Pimelea

## FAMILY

Thymelaeaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Pimelea orthia* subsp. *protea* C.J.Burrows & Thorsen

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FLOWERING

Spring and Summer

## ETYMOLOGY

**pimelea**: from Greek pimeleē, meaning “lard” or “soft fat,” presumably referring to the oily seeds or fleshy cotyledons.

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Threatened – Nationally Critical | Qualifiers: OL

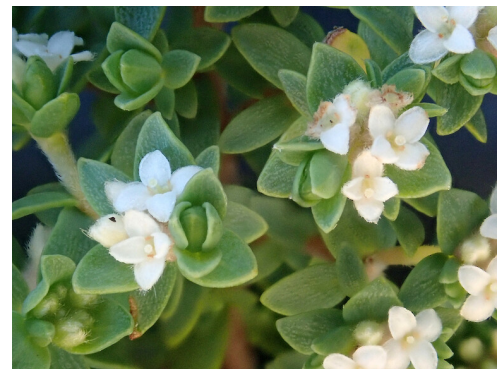
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## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

[Genus \*Pimelea\* \(Thymelaeaceae\) in New Zealand 2. The endemic \*Pimelea prostrata\* and \*Pimelea urvilliana\* species complexes](#)



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Female flowers, Mahia area. Photographer: Peter J de Lange, Licence: Public domain.

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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pimelea-orthia-subsp-protea/>

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