

# Plagianthus divaricatus

## COMMON NAME

Salt marsh ribbonwood, marsh ribbonwood

## FAMILY

Malvaceae

## AUTHORITY

Plagianthus divaricatus J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Trees & Shrubs

## NVS CODE

PLADIV

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy tangled shrub with wide-angled thin twigs bearing small very narrow clusters of leaves and small drooping flowers inhabiting estuary areas. Twigs with star-shaped hairs (lens needed). Leaves 5-20mm long by 0.5-2mm wide. Fruit a 5mm wide dry capsule.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## ETYMOLOGY

**plagianthus**: Oblique or lop-sided flower (petals uneven at the base)

**divaricatus**: Spreading and interlacing

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/plagianthus-divaricatus/>



Flowers, Kanuka Block, Port Levy.  
Photographer: Melissa Hutchison



Kennedy bay, September. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth