

Senecio bipinnatisectus

COMMON NAMES

Australian fireweed

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

HABITAT

Disturbed sites—tracks, forest edges, dunes, clay or gravel road edges. Long-regarded as adventive from Australia, it is now regarded as another successful trans-Tasman coloniser—as with *Senecio esleri*, *S. hispidulus*, *S. minimus*, *S. biserratus*, *S. diaschides* etc.

GENUS

Senecio

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Senecio bipinnatisectus Belcher

SYNONYMS

Erechtites atkinsoniae F.Muell.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

senecio: From the Latin senex 'old man' (probably referring to the bearded seeds)

NVS CODE

SENBIP



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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

2009 | Exotic

2004 | Exotic

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/senecio-bipinnatisectus/>

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