

Senecio lautus

COMMON NAMES

shore groundsel, variable groundsel

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

DISTRIBUTION

Probably endemic. There is still some doubt as to whether *S. lautus* is in Australia or not

GENUS

Senecio

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Senecio lautus Willd.

SYNONYMS

Senecio lautus Willd. subsp. *lautus* var. *lautus*, *Senecio lautus* Willd. var. *lautus*; *Senecio lautus* Willd. subsp. *lautus*

ENDEMIC TAXON

Indeterminate

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed. An annual which makes a very attractive display when in full flower. Rather variable and some forms, particularly those with large capitula found around the South Wellington coastline could be an ideal native annual selection for an annual flower bed

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ETYMOLOGY

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

lautus: Handsome



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NVS CODE

SENLAU

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 40

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the [“Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland”](#) Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

MORE INFORMATION

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

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