

Shawia bullata

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy greyish shrub with wide-angled interlacing reddish twigs bearing wrinkled narrow rolled leaves that are white underneath inhabiting wet places in eastern South Island. Leaves 5-12mm long by 0.5-2mm wide. Flowers small, white. Seeds fluffy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Shawia bullata (Wilson & Garn.–Jones) Saldivia & Nicol

SYNONYMS

Olearia virgata var. *rugosa* G.Simpson, *Olearia bullata* H.D.Wilson et Garn.–Jones

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

shawia: After Thomas Shaw (1694-1751), English scholar and traveller.

bullata: Blistered

NVS CODE

OLEBUL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108



Danseys pass, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



At Danseys pass, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, NR, NStr, TL Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the "[Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025](#)" Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Saldivia, P.; Nicol, D.A. 2025: Reinstatement, broader circumscription, and infrageneric classification of *Shawia* (Astereae, Celmisiinae), a large woody genus endemic to Australasia. *Phytoneuron* 49: 1–43

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/shawia-bullata/>

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