

Shawia coriacea

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: Sp, DPS, DPT

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Shrub with saddle-shaped leathery leaves on stout fuzzy twigs inhabiting south Marlborough and northern Canterbury. Leaves 10-25mm long, by 8-15mm wide, margin curved under and sides also droop giving the leaf a saddle shape. Flowers white, narrow, in small clusters. Seeds fluffy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Shawia coriacea (Kirk) Saldivia & Nicol

SYNONYMS

Olearia coriacea Kirk

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

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

coriacea: Leathery

NVS CODE

OLECOR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, Sp

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: Sp

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Not Threatened

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Seed heads, Ex Cult. June 2006, Waima (Ure) River, Marlborough. Photographer: Peter J de Lange, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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