

# Shawia crosby-smithiana

## 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

Small bushy shrub bearing many erect long very narrow wrinkled leaves that have a tightly inrolled margin inhabiting subalpine Fiordland. Leaves 5-10cm long by 2-5mm wide. Flowers small, white with yellow centre, hidden among leaves. Seeds fluffy.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## GENUS

Shawia

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Shawia crosby-smithiana* (Petrie) Saldivia & Nicol

## SYNONYMS

*Olearia crosby-smithiana* Petrie

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ETYMOLOGY

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

## NVS CODE

OLECRO

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

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

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

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## 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-crosby-smithiana/>

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