

Shawia furfuracea

COMMON NAMES

akepiro

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy small tree with leathery dark green glossy toothed leaves that are rusty underneath and in some regions the bottom part of the upper central vein is dark. Leaves variable, 5-10cm long by 3-6cm wide. Flowers white with yellow centre, in clusters on brown fuzzy stalks.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Shawia furfuracea (A.Rich.) Raoul

SYNONYMS

Aster furfuraceus A.Rich., *Eurybia furfuracea* DC., *Haxtonia furfuracea* A.Cunn., *Olearia furfuracea* (A.Rich.) Hook.f., *Olearia furfuracea* (A.Rich.) Hook.f. var. *furfuracea*, *Olearia furfuracea* var. *angustata* Kirk, *Olearia furfuracea* var. *angustata* subvar. *dubia* Kirk, *Olearia furfuracea* var. *rubicunda* Kirk

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

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

furfuracea: From the Latin *furfur* 'bran' or 'dandruff', referring to the mealy, scurfy covering on the leaves and stems.

NVS CODE

OLEFUR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108



Long Bay, Coromandel, February.
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Olearia furfuracea, Rangitoto Island.
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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.

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-furfuracea/>

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