

Shawia moschata

COMMON NAMES

musky tree daisy

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Greyish shrub bearing grey-green thick oval leaves that are fuzzy on both surfaces (particularly when young) inhabiting subalpine areas south from Arthur's Pass. Leaves 10-20mm long by 4-8mm wide, musky smelling. Flowers white with yellow centre, in small clusters. Seeds fluffy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Shawia moschata (Hook.f.) Saldivia & Nicol

SYNONYMS

Olearia moschata Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

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

moschata: Musky

NVS CODE

OLEMOS

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108



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Olearia moschata flowers. Photographer: John Barkla, Licence: CC BY.

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 Not Threatened 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-moschata/>

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