

Shawia nummulariifolia

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub bearing yellow-green leathery oval leaves which have the edge rolled under and are white underneath inhabiting subalpine areas apart from Mt Taranaki. Twigs yellow, sticky. Leaves 5–10 mm long by 4–6 mm wide. Flowers white with pale centre, in small clusters. Seeds fluffy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Shawia nummulariifolia (Hook.f.) Sch.Bip.

SYNONYMS

Eurybia nummulariifolia Hook.f., *Olearia nummulariifolia* (Hook.f.) Hook.f.
var. *nummulariifolia*, *Olearia nummulariifolia* (Hook.f.) Hook.f., *Olearia hillii*
Colenso

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

UPL: Obligate Upland

Rarely is a hydrophyte, almost always in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

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

nummulariifolia: Coin leaved

NVS CODE

OLENUM

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 216



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Olearia nummularifolia in seed, Kyeburn. 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-nummulariifolia/>

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