

Shawia paniculata

COMMON NAMES

akiraho, golden akeake

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Small tree with reddish twigs bearing very wavy smooth-edged oval green leaves that are white underneath occurring mainly in the east from East Cape to south Canterbury. twigs are grooved on upper surface and angular in cross-section. Leaves 3-10cm long by 2-4cm wide. Flowers small, white, in dense clusters.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Shawia paniculata J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.

SYNONYMS

Eurybia forsteri Hook.f., *Olearia forsteri* (Hook.f.) Hook.f., *Olearia paniculata* (J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.) Druce, *Olearia paniculata* (J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.) Druce var. *paniculata*, *Olearia paniculata* var. *elliptica* Kirk, *Olearia paniculata* var. *obtusata* Kirk, *Olearia paniculata* var. *viscosa* G.Simpson, *Olearia uniflora* Colenso

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

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

paniculata: Small sprayed

NVS CODE

OLEPAN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = c.288



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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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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-paniculata/>

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