

Shawia solandri

COMMON NAMES

coastal tree daisy

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DPT, PD, PF

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub with square yellow sticky twigs bearing clusters of dark green leaves with a downturned margin and that are white underneath inhabiting coastal areas south to the northern South Island. Leaves 5-10mm long by 1-2mm wide. Flowers white. Seeds fluffy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and the northern South Island.

GENUS

Shawia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

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

SYNONYMS

Eurybia solandri Hook.f., *Olearia solandri* (Hook.f.) Hook.f., *Olearia consimilis* Colenso, *Olearia fasciculifolia* Colenso, *Olearia quinquefida* Colenso

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

PLANT OF THE MONTH

This plant has been featured as a Plant of the Month – see [Trilepidea: NZPCN newsletter for February 2013](#) for the full story.



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ETYMOLOGY

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

solandri: Named after Daniel Carlsson Solander (19 February 1733 - 13 May 1782) who was a Swedish naturalist and an apostle of Carl Linnaeus.

NVS CODE

OLESOL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

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 At Risk – Regionally Declining | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, PF, RF 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.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/shawia-solandri/>

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