Styphelia nesophila

COMMON NAMES
pātōtara, dwarf mingimingi

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION
Low growing prickly shrub with white tubular flowers and small orange fruit to 15cm tall inhabiting open areas. Leaves 4-9mm long by 1-2mm wide, with a prominent sharp tip and a pale edge, underside striped. Flowers around 5mm long, hairy inside.



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FLOWER COLOURS
White

GENUS
Styphelia

FAMILY
Ericaceae

AUTHORITY
Styphelia nesophila (DC.) Sleumer

SYNONYMS
Cyathodes fraseri (A.Cunn.) Allan, Cyathodes fraseri (A.Cunn.) Allan var. fraseri, Leucopogon fraseri A.Cunn., Leucopogon bellignianus Raoul, Leucopogon fraseri var. muscosus G.Simpson, Leucopogon nesophilus DC., Styphelia fraseri F.Muell.

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).

NVS CODE
STYNES

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 16

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

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.
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.

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/styphelia-nesophila/

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