

# Usnea rubicunda

## COMMON NAMES

Red beard lichen

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## CATEGORY

Lichen

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lichens - Fruticose

## LICHEN SUBSTRATES

Corticolous (bark, wood), Saxicolous (rock)

## SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Corticolous, rarely saxicolous

## GENUS

Usnea

## FAMILY

Parmeliaceae

## AUTHORITY

Usnea rubicunda Stirt.

## SYNONYMS

Usnea rubescens, Usnea spilota

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## NVS CODE

USNRUB

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/usnea-rubicunda/>

## PDF DATE

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