

# Helichrysum coralloides

## COMMON NAMES

coral sea shrub

## SYNONYMS

Ozothamnus coralloides Hook.f.

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Helichrysum coralloides (Hook.f.) Benth. et Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

HELCOR

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Thick knobby stems to 60cm tall inhabiting upland areas in southern Marlborough. Stems 7.5-10mm thick. Leaves scale-like, 5mm long, embedded in hairy stem. Flowers yellow, in a tight daisy-like cluster at tip of stems.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

Pappate achenes are dispersed by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**helichrysum**: From the Greek words helios 'sun' and chrysos 'gold', referring to the colour of the flowers of some species

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 11: 285-309



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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/helichrysum-coralloides/>

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