

Olearia townsonii

COMMON NAME

Coromandel tree daisy

SYNONYMS

Olearia thomsonii Cheeseman

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Olearia townsonii Cheeseman

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

OLETOW

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub bearing leathery dark green glossy leaves that are very pale underneath inhabiting cliffs between the Coromandel and Wanganui. twigs grooved and covered in brownish fuzz. Leaves 6-14cm long by 2.5-6cm wide, smooth-edged or slightly wavy. Flowers white, in clusters. Seeds fluffy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

ETYMOLOGY

olearia: Named after Johann Gottfried Olearius, a 17th-century German scholar, writer of hymns and author of Specimen Florae Hallensis

townsonii: Honours William L. Townson (1855-1926)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-townsonii/>



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