

Senecio lautus

COMMON NAME

shore groundsel, variable groundsel

SYNONYMS

Senecio lautus Willd. subsp. *lautus* var. *lautus*, *Senecio lautus* Willd. var. *lautus*; *Senecio lautus* Willd. subsp. *lautus*

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Senecio lautus Willd.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Indeterminate

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 40

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Probably endemic. There is still some doubt as to whether *S. lautus* is in Australia or not

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed. An annual which makes a very attractive display when in full flower. Rather variable and some forms, particularly those with large capitula found around the South Wellington coastline could be an ideal native annual selection for an annual flower bed

ETYMOLOGY

senecio: From the Latin *senex* 'old man' (probably referring to the bearded seeds)

lautus: Handsome

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available



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