

# Taraxacum zealandicum

## COMMON NAMES

New Zealand dandelion, native dandelion

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Taraxacum zealandicum* Dahlst.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

TARMAG

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 16

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. North, South, Stewart, Chatham and main subantarctic islands. Now scarce over much of its former range.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Can be grown from fresh seed and transplants but hard to maintain in cultivation for any length of time.

## ETYMOLOGY

**taraxacum**: From the Greek 'taraxos' (disorder), and 'akos' (remedy), referring to medical qualities.

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/taraxacum-zealandicum/>

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