

# Senecio bipinnatisectus

## COMMON NAMES

Australian fireweed

## SYNONYMS

*Erechtites atkinsoniae* F.Muell.

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Senecio bipinnatisectus* Belcher

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

SENBIP

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Exotic

2004 | Exotic

## HABITAT

Disturbed sites—tracks, forest edges, dunes, clay or gravel road edges. Long-regarded as adventive from Australia, it is now regarded as another successful trans-Tasman coloniser—as with *Senecio esleri*, *S. hispidulus*, *S. minimus*, *S. biserratus*, *S. diaschides* etc.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed

## ETYMOLOGY

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

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/senecio-bipinnatisectus/>

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