

Senecio diaschides

COMMON NAME

fireweed

SYNONYMS

Senecio cahillii Belcher

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

SENDIA

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: TO

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. New Zealand. North Island (Northland to the Waikato and East Cape thence disjunct to Wellington). Range actively spreading south.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easily grown from fresh seed. Inclined to be weedy and aggressive in cultivation.

YEAR NATURALISED

1975

ORIGIN

E. Australia

ETYMOLOGY

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



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Senecio diaschides showing foliage and stem details. Hutt River Trail north of Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 30/04/2006, Licence: CC BY.

Reason For Introduction

Unknown

Life Cycle Comments

Biennial to perennial, in harsh conditions often annual

Reproduction

By seed

Dispersal

Wind dispersed

MORE INFORMATION

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