

Dimorphotheca fruticosa

COMMON NAME

dimorphotheca

SYNONYMS

Osteospermum fruticosum

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Dimorphotheca fruticosa (L.) DC.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

OSTFRU

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial. Sand and coastal sites.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial herb, becoming woody at the base often forming dense mats. The leaves are alternately arranged on procumbent stems. Leaves are fleshy, toothed and are up to 10 x 2.5 cm. Daisy-like flowers are produced with white-mauve petals and dark central disc. Many small seeds are produced.

SIMILAR TAXA

Can be distinguished from the closely related *O. jucundum* by the white ligule. The ligule is pink to mauve on *O. jucundum*

FLOWERING

August, September, October, November, December, January

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

YEAR NATURALISED

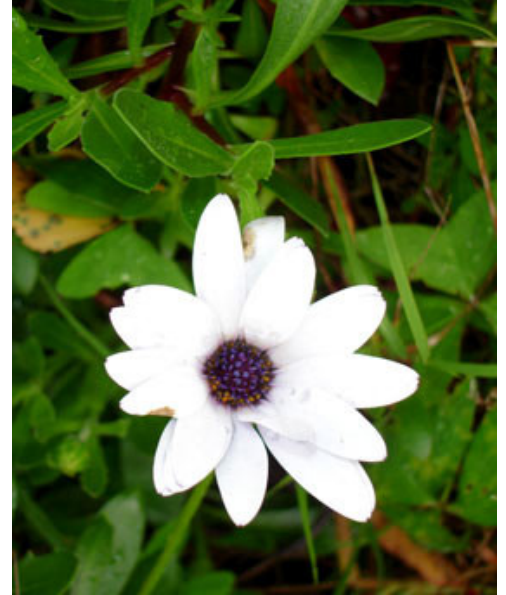
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ORIGIN

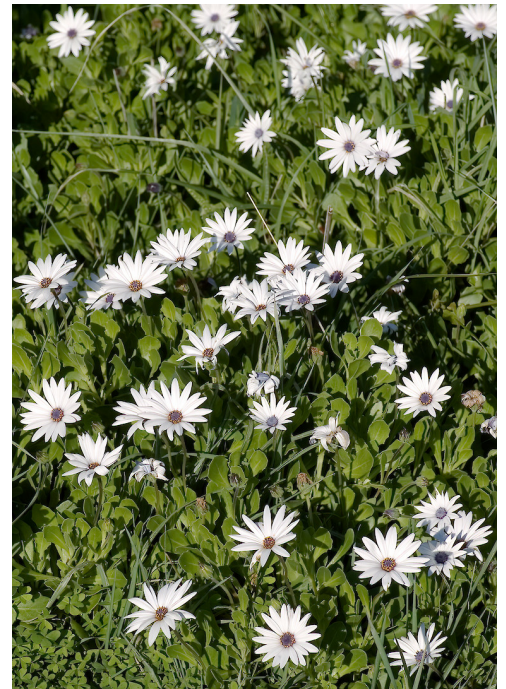
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ETYMOLOGY

fruticosa: Shrubby



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Reason For Introduction

Ornamental

Reproduction

Vegetative spread by layering, and seed.

Seed

Viable seeds are produced.

Dispersal

People, soil movement.

Tolerances

Very tolerant of salt.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/dimorphotheca-fruticosa/>