

# Drosera spatulata

## COMMON NAME

sundew

## SYNONYMS

None

## FAMILY

Droseraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Drosera spatulata* Labill.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

DROSPA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 20

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. North, South and Stewart islands. Present in Australia

## HABITAT

A species of open, acidic, poorly drained ground. May be common on bare clay, often seen in peat bogs, where at times it may form a dense turf. Usually abundant after fires.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

## LIFE CYCLE

Minute seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).



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## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easil grown in an acidic soil, within pots aprtially submerged in water. But short-lived. Should not be removed from the wild.

## ETYMOLOGY

**drosera:** Dewy

**spatulata:** Like a flattened spoon

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

## NOTES

In New Zealand this species has been known also by the different spelling *Drosera spathulata*. However the spelling variant offered here is the correct form for this species.

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/drosera-spatulata/>