

# Elaeocarpus dentatus var. obovatus

## COMMON NAME

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## FAMILY

Elaeocarpaceae

## AUTHORITY

Elaeocarpus dentatus var. obovatus Cheeseman

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## NVS CODE

ELADVO

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Canopy tree bearing harsh thin leaves that have obvious pits on the underside and with small teeth along margins. Twigs with small hairs. Adult leaves 5-7cm long by 3-5cm wide, on long slender stem, Juvenile leaves longer and narrower. Flowers white, lacy, in conspicuous sprays. Fruit purple, oval, 12-15mm long.

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (Marlborough Sounds, Nelson (Tasman Bay and North West Nelson)

## HABITAT

Coastal to lowland forest.

## ETYMOLOGY

**elaecarpus:** Olive-seed

**dentatus:** Toothed

**obovatus:** From the Latin prefix ob- ('reverse') and the adjective ovatus 'egg-shaped'. Thus obovatus means 'reverse egg-shaped, i.e. the broadest part above the middle'.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/elaecarpus-dentatus-var-obovatus/>

