

Metrosideros fulgens

COMMON NAME

climbing rātā

SYNONYMS

Leptospermum scandens J.R.Forst. et G.Forst., *Metrosideros scandens* (J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.) Druce, *Metrosideros florida* Sm.

FAMILY

Myrtaceae

AUTHORITY

Metrosideros fulgens Sol. ex Gaertn.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

METFUL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DP, De

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to the Myrtaceae of New Zealand](#)

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

THREATS

Myrtle rust (*Austropuccinia psidii*) is an invasive fungus that threatens native myrtle species. Learn more myrtlerust.org.nz.

ETYMOLOGY

metrosideros: Iron heart

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/metrosideros-fulgens/>



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