

Olearia virgata

COMMON NAME

twiggy tree daisy

SYNONYMS

Eurybia virgata Hook.f., *Olearia aggregata* Colenso, *Olearia parvifolia* Colenso, *Olearia virgata* var. *serpentina* (G.Simpson) Allan; *Olearia serpentina* (G.Simpson) Allan; *Olearia virgata* var. *virgata* Hook.f.; *Olearia virgata* var. *implicita* G.Simpson; *Olearia ramuliflora* Colenso, *Olearia virgata* var. *ramuliflora* (Colenso) Kirk, *Olearia laxiflora* Kirk, *Olearia virgata* var. *laxiflora* (Kirk) Allan, *Olearia divaricata* Cockayne, *Olearia virgata* subsp. *centralis* Heads

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Olearia virgata (Hook.f.) Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

OLEVIR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

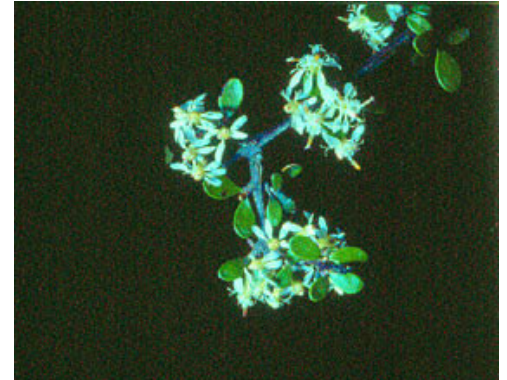
2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Small tree with many thin often interlacing square twigs bearing clusters of oval leaves that are white underneath inhabiting open sites and scrubland from the Waikato south to northern Westland. Tree often yellowish-green in appearance. Flowers small, white, in tight clusters.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands. From Ohinemuri and the Whangamarino Swamp south to Wellington. In the South Island from Marlborough Sounds west until Fiordland.



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WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

olearia: Named after Johann Gottfried Olearius, a 17th-century German scholar, writer of hymns and author of Specimen Florae Hallensis

virgata: Twiggy

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/olearia-virgata/>