

Pachystegia hesperia

COMMON NAME

rock daisy

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Pachystegia hesperia Heenan & Molloy

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Pachystegia hesperia is “distinguished by its compact and low statured growth habit, obovate to elliptic-oblong leaves with the adaxial surface reticulate with distinctive primary and secondary veins, a short peduncle and narrow capitula, smaller and fewer ray petals and fewer disc florets” (Heenan & Molloy 2022).

DISTRIBUTION

“A western and inland distribution comprising Lowry Peaks Range, Amuri Range, and southern parts of Inland and Seaward Kaikōura Ranges” (Heenan & Molloy 2022).

HABITAT

Rock outcrops

SIMILAR TAXA

Most similar to *Pachystegia insignis*, which is the most widespread species in the genus.

ETYMOLOGY

pachystegia: Thick covering

hesperia: From the Greek hesperos ‘evening’ (i.e. western), referring to its westerly distribution

Previously known by the tagnames *Pachystegia* “B” or *Pachystegia* “Lowry” (Heenan & Molloy 2022).

ATTRIBUTION

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heenan P.B. and Molloy B.P.J. 2022: Recognition of *Pachystegia hesperia* sp. nov. and notes on *P. insignis*, *P. minor* and *P. rufa* (Asteraceae: Astereae). *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 60.

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