

Pachystegia minor

COMMON NAME

Marlborough daisy

SYNONYMS

Olearia insignis var. *minor* Cheeseman, *Pachystegia insignis* var. *minor* Cheeseman,

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

PACMIN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, RR

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, RR

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Data Deficient

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. From Clarence to Puhipuhi Rivers, South Marlborough.

HABITAT

Coastal and inland lowland, usually confined to steep rocky or stony sites, rock faces and slopes.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small and slender spreading shrub, less than 1m tall. Leaves diamond-shaped or blunt-ended 6.5-10cm long, 2.5-4cm wide, with a thin layer of felted hair on the back. Flower heads white, max. 3.5cm diameter. Flower stalks slender, sometimes leafy, about 10cm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Pachystegia insignis. Leaves of *P. minor* are much smaller and more slender, with thinner layer of felted hair. It has smaller, slender stalked flowers, opening slightly later than other *Pachystegia* species.

FLOWERING

December to February



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FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

FRUITING

February to April

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easily grown from fresh seed but tricky to transplant. Can be grown from cuttings with extreme difficulty.

THREATS

Pachystegia minor is probably very local in its distribution, and many of the more accessible populations are often damaged by browsing animals. Some populations are at risk from roads, fire and the spread of weeds such as gorse (*Ulex europaeus*).

ETYMOLOGY

pachystegia: Thick covering

minor: Smaller

WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally offered by retail plant and specialist native plant nurseries.

ATTRIBUTION

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