

Pachystegia rufa

SYNONYMS

None

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Pachystegia rufa Molloy

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: CD, ST

2004 | Range Restricted

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island, Marlborough, Haldon Hills only

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Best from fresh seed which germinates easily. Can be grown from cuttings but these are hard to strike. Should be grown in a very dry, sunny place in free draining soil, a rock wall is ideal. Dislikes humidity and once established will not tolerate much root disturbance. Transplants with difficulty. An attractive species which should be grown more than it currently is.

THREATS

A narrow range, local endemic, quite common within its range. Some populations have been damaged by goat and possum browse

ETYMOLOGY

pachystegia: Thick covering

rufa: Red-brown, rusty colour

WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally sold by retail plant and specialist native plant nurseries.

MORE INFORMATION



Head of Blind River, Haldon Hills (November).
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Close up, in cultivation, Auckland. Nov 2006.
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