

# Senecio matatini subsp. discoideus

## SYNONYMS

*Senecio lautus* var. *discoideus* Cheeseman, *Senecio glaucophyllus* subsp. *discoideus* (Cheeseman) Ornduff

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Senecio matatini* subsp. *discoideus* (Cheeseman) Courtney, de Lange & Pelsner

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

SENDIS

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 100

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island, Kaweka, Kaimanawa and Ruahine Ranges. South Island, east of the main divide, throughout.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and semi-hardwood cuttings. Needs full sun and excellent drainage.

## ETYMOLOGY

**senecio:** From the Latin *senex* 'old man' (probably referring to the bearded seeds)

**matatini:** Te reo Māori adjective for 'complicated' and both an adjective and noun for 'composite' and 'complex'. It alludes to the complicated nature of the historical and current taxonomy of the *Senecio glaucophyllus* complex, and to the daisy family to which it belongs

**discoideus:** From the Latin *discus*, a plate-like object thrown for sport, meaning disc- or orb-shaped, i.e. with some perceptible thickness, parallel faces and a rounded border



## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

## TAXANOMIC NOTES

The *Senecio glaucophyllus* complex, of which *S. matatini* is one representative, was revised by Liew et al. 2021. For more information on the group please refer to this paper (reference below)

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/senecio-matatini-subsp-discoideus/>