

Senecio matatini subsp. matatini

SYNONYMS

S. lautus var. *montanus* Cheeseman, *Senecio glaucophyllus* Cheeseman subsp. *glaucophyllus*

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Senecio matatini subsp. *matatini* Liew, Courtney, de Lange & Pelsner

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n=100

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

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

DISTRIBUTION

South Island: From the Goulard Downs (North-West Nelson) in the north, south to about Lewis Pass. The species is restricted to the western and central part of the northern South Island.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and semi-hardwood cuttings. Does best in a pot in soil enriched with lime. Inclined to be short-lived.

SUBSTRATE

Calcareous substrates including limestone and marble, and calcareous mudstone and siltstone

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

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

TAXONOMIC NOTES

A very distinctive plant perhaps closely allied to *S. banksii* s.s. The *Senecio glaucophyllus* complex, including *S. matatini*, 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-matatini/>