

Senecio matatini subsp. toa

SYNONYMS

Senecio glaucophyllus subsp. *raoulii* (Hook.f.) Ornduff, *S. lautus* var. *raoulii* Hook.f., *S. lautus* var. *montanus* Cheeseman, *Senecio glaucophyllus* subsp. *toa* C.J.Webb

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Senecio matatini subsp. *toa* (C.J.Webb) Courtney, de Lange & Pelsler

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

SENGST

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 100

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island from the Huiarau south to the Ruahine Range, also locally present along the Lake Taupo shoreline. South Island, Marlborough and northern Canterbury.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and semi-hardwood cuttings. Prefers a sunny aspect, and a free draining but damp soil. Probably best in apot.

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

Part of 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-toa/>