

Taraxacum zealandicum

COMMON NAME

New Zealand dandelion, native dandelion

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Taraxacum zealandicum Dahlst.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

TARMAG

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 16

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. North, South, Stewart, Chatham and main subantarctic islands. Now scarce over much of its former range.

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Can be grown from fresh seed and transplants but hard to maintain in cultivation for any length of time.

ETYMOLOGY

taraxacum: From the Greek 'taraxos' (disorder), and 'akos' (remedy), referring to medical qualities.

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/taraxacum-zealandicum/>



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