



## *Urtica ferox*

### **Common Name(s):**

Ongaonga, tree nettle

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

Not Threatened

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. Found throughout NZ in North and South Islands reaching Otago as its southern limit.

### **Habitat:**

Common in the fringes of bushland. Mainly found in coastal and lowland forest margins and shrublands.

### **Features:**

The shrub stands up to 2 m tall with a base up to 12 cm diameter. Its leaves are pale green, 8-12 x 3-5 cm that are borne on petioles up to 5 cm long.

### **Flowering:**

November - March

### **Fruiting:**

December - May

### **Threats:**

Not Threatened

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=1354](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1354)



**Caption:** Leitz's Gully, Otago

**Photographer:** Jesse Bythell



**Caption:** Stinging hairs on leaf.  
Western Hutt hills.

**Photographer:** Jeremy Rolfe