



## *Senecio marotiri*

### Common Name(s):

None Known

### Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

### Distribution:

Endemic. North Island. Known from several islands in the Bay of Islands, the Poor Knights, Chickens, Mokohinau, Great Barrier and several eastern Coromandel Islands. Recently (2006) discovered on South East (Rangitira) Island in the Chatham Island group. Naturalised in Mt Albert, Auckland.

### Habitat:

Strictly coastal. An opportunistic species frequenting sea bird colonies, boulderfalls, coastal turfs, cliff ledges, petrel scrub, pasture, and on smaller islands clearances within tall forest.

### Features\*:

Erect annual to short-lived perennial herb. Leaves lanate hairy when young becoming sparsely hairy or glabrous with age; lowermost leaves elliptic, long-cuneate, serrate with 3-7 teeth on each side; mid cauline leaves oblanceolate to linear-oblong, remotely dentate, 50-120 x 4-15 mm; uppermost leaves smaller, lanceolate, amplexicaul, entire or few-toothed. Supplementary bracts 9-12, 1.5-3 mm long. Involucral bracts 10-13, glabrous, 6-8 mm long. Ray florets 8-11; ligules yellow, 1-2 mm long. Disc yellow, c.4-5 mm diameter. Cypsela 2.8-3.2 mm long, densely hairy between ribs, tapering at both ends.

### Flowering:

October - February

### Fruiting:

October - April

### Threats:

Not threatened, but rather a naturally uncommon species of sporadic distribution.

### \*Attribution:

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### References and further reading:

Webb, C.J. 1988: Notes on the *Senecio lautus* complex in New Zealand. *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 26: 481-484.

### For more information, visit:

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=319](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=319)



**Caption:** Cabbage Tree Ridge, Fanal Island

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