



Gaultheria

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INTRODUCTION

This book was compiled from information stored on the website of the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network (www.nzpcn.org.nz).

This website was established in 2003 as a repository for information about New Zealand's threatened vascular plants. Since then it has grown into a national database of information about all plants in the New Zealand botanic region including both native and naturalised vascular plants as well as non-vascular plants and fungi.

Funding to develop the website was provided by the New Zealand Government's Terrestrial and Freshwater Biodiversity Information System Programme (TFBIS). The website is run by a team of volunteers and is continually improving in both the richness of content and the range of functions it offers.

The species information used on the website has come from a variety of sources which are cited at the bottom of a species page.

Where no published treatment was available Peter used herbarium specimens and his own knowledge of the flora to prepare species pages. Various other contributors have provided text and additional information to many species pages including botanists such as John Barkla, Cathy Jones, Simon Walls, Nick Singers, Mike Thorsen and many others. The threatened fungi text was written by Eric Mackenzie and Peter Buchanan (Landcare Research) and aquatic plant information was supplied by Paul Champion from NIWA. Colin Ogle has contributed to the exotic species fact sheets.

More than 200 photographers have kindly provided images to illustrate the website and for use in this book especially John Smith-Dodsworth, Jeremy Rolfe, Peter de Lange, Wayne Bennett and Gillian Crowcroft, Mike Thorse, Colin Ogle and John Sawyer.

THE NEW ZEALAND BOTANIC REGION

The information on the Network website, from which this book was compiled, is for species that are indigenous to or naturalised within the New Zealand Botanic Region as defined by Allan (1961). The New Zealand botanic region encompasses the Kermadec, Manawatawhi/Three Kings, North, South, Stewart Island/Rakiura, Chatham, Antipodes, Bounties, Snares, Auckland Campbell island/Motu Ihupuku and Macquarie.

ABOUT THE NETWORK

The Network has more than 800 members worldwide and is New Zealand's largest non-governmental organisation solely devoted to the protection and restoration of New Zealand's indigenous plant life.

The vision of the New Zealand Plant Conservation Network is that *'no indigenous species of plant will become extinct nor be placed at risk of extinction as a result of human action or indifference, and that the rich, diverse and unique plant life of New Zealand will be recognised, cherished and restored'*.

Since it was founded in 2003 the Network has undertaken a range of conservation initiatives in order to achieve its vision.

That work has included:

- Training people in plant conservation
- Publishing plant books, reports and posters
- Raising money for the David Given Threatened Plant Research Trust to pay for plant conservation research scholarships
- Educating people about plant life through the Network website
- Connecting people through our website, the monthly newsletter, the Network conference and the annual general meeting

WHAT IS A THREATENED PLANT?

The NZ Threatened Plant Committee was formed in 1991 and ever since then it has met at regular intervals to review the status of indigenous vascular plants. It is made up of a team of botanists that between them have an extensive knowledge of the native plants of New Zealand.

This committee applies a set of criteria to each native plant to determine its conservation status. The resulting list of species classified as threatened is published in the NZ Journal of Botany (see for example [de Lange et al. 2018](#)). The main threat categories used are: Extinct, Nationally Critical, Nationally Endangered and Nationally Vulnerable, Declining. Other categories used are: Recovering, Relict, Naturally Uncommon, Coloniser, Vagrant and Data Deficient. For vascular plants the threat status used in this book is taken from the ['Conservation status of New Zealand indigenous vascular plants, 2017'](#) by [de Lange et al. \(2018\)](#).

Recently other committees have been established to review the status of non-vascular plants and have produced assessments for New Zealand mosses ([Rolfe et al., 2016](#)) as well as horworts and liverworts ([de Lange et al., 2015](#)).

Gaultheria antipoda

COMMON NAME

Bush snowberry, fool's beech

SYNONYMS

Gaultheria epiphyta Colenso

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria antipoda G.Forst.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUANT

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub bearing rounded small leathery toothed leaves on hairy twigs. Hairs on twigs black mixed with shorter paler hairs. Flowers white, bell-shaped, solitary at base of leaf. Leaves alternating on stem, 7-10mm long by 6-10mm wide, sometimes much smaller at tip of twig, Fruit red or white, lobed.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by invertebrate frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

antipoda: Named after the Antipodes i.e. Australia or New Zealand which are on the opposite side of the world from Europe



Coromandel. August. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Coromandel. August. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-antipoda/>

Gaultheria colensoi

COMMON NAME

Mountain snowberry

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria colensoi Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUCOL

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy sprawling shrub bearing small oval leathery toothed leaves on hairy twigs inhabiting central North Island mountains. Hairs on twigs pale, downy. Flowers white, bell-shaped, in cluster at tip of twigs. Leaves alternating on stem, 8-12mm long by 5-9mm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

colensoi: Named after William Colenso (7 November 1811 - 10 February 1899) who was a Cornish Christian missionary to New Zealand, and also a printer, botanist, explorer and politician.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-colensoi/>



Tongariro, December. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

Gaultheria crassa

SYNONYMS

Gaultheria rupestris var. *parvifolia* Hook.f., *Gaultheria rupestris* var. *humilis* G.Simpson

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria crassa Allan

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUCRA

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy sprawling shrub bearing small oval leathery toothed leaves on hairy twigs inhabiting mountains from the Ruahine south. Hairs on twigs dark, often mixed with shorter paler hairs. Flowers white, bell-shaped, in clusters to 4cm long at tip of twigs. Leaves 10-15mm long by 5-7mm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

crassa: Thick, fleshy, dense or fat

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION



L. Tennyson, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Gaultheria crassa, Tasman Valley. Photographer: John Barkla

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-crassa/>

Gaultheria depressa var. depressa

SYNONYMS

Gaultheria antipoda var. *depressa* Hook.f.

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria depressa Hook.f. var. *depressa*

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUDVD

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Data Deficient

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing shrub bearing rounded leathery leaves that have obvious small hairs on margin. Twigs with dark bristly hairs. Leaves 5-10mm long by 4-6mm wide. Flowers white, bell-shaped, solitary at base of leaf. Fruit white to red, 6-10mm wide, lobed.

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by invertebrate frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

depressa: From the Latin *depremere* 'to press down', meaning to be flattened vertically, often referring to a plant's habit

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-depressa-var-depressa/>



Mt Burns, February. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

Gaultheria depressa var. novae-zealandiae

COMMON NAME

Snowberry

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria depressa var. *novae-zealandiae* D.A.Franklin

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUDVN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing shrub bearing oval leathery leaves that have small hairs on the wavy margin when young. Twigs with dark bristly hairs. Leaves 5-8mm long by 3-4mm wide. Flowers white, bell-shaped, solitary at base of leaf. Fruit white to red, 8-10mm wide, lobed.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by invertebrate frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

depressa: From the Latin depremere 'to press down', meaning to be flattened vertically, often referring to a plant's habit

novae-zealandiae: Of New Zealand



Upper Clarence, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Mt Technical, Canterbury (white fruit).
Photographer: Jesse Bythell

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-depressa-var-novae-zealandiae/>

Gaultheria macrostigma

COMMON NAME

Prostrate snowberry

SYNONYMS

Pernettya macrostigma Colenso, *Gaultheria depressa* var. *microphylla* (Hook.f.) Cheeseman

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria macrostigma (Colenso) D.J.Middleton

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUMAC

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Low-growing sprawling tangled dark green or brownish shrub bearing narrow leathery leaves inhabiting upland areas. Twigs with bristle-like hairs. Leaves 6-15mm long by 1-3mm wide, with several prominent teeth on margin. Flowers white or pinkish, bell-shaped, clustered at tip of twigs. Fruit white to red, 6mm wide, lobed.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by invertebrate frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

macrostigma: With a large stigma



Flagstaff hill, Dunedin, December.

Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Gaultheria macrostigma, Chrystalls Beach.

Photographer: John Barkla

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-macrostigma/>

Gaultheria mucronata

COMMON NAME

Prickly heath

FAMILY

Ericaceae

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

Chile

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

mucronata: Short, sharp pointed

Reproduction

Probably mainly spreads vegetatively.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-mucronata/>

Gaultheria nubicola

SYNONYMS

Pernettya alpina Franklin

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria nubicola D.J.Middleton

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUNUB

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Creeping woody herb to 1m wide bearing closely-spaced small oval thick leaves with single bell-shaped small white flowers scattered among plant. Twigs not visible. Leaves with 3-5 small dark-tipped notches along margin. Fruit small, 3-4mm wide, white or red. Inhabits mountains of the South Island.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by invertebrate frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

nubicola: Cloud dweller

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-nubicola/>



Old Man range, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Old Man Range, January. Photographer: John Barkla

Gaultheria oppositifolia

COMMON NAME

Snowberry

SYNONYMS

Gaultheria multibracteolata Colenso

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria oppositifolia Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUOPP

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy sprawling shrub bearing pairs of oval leathery toothed leaves attached directly to the twigs inhabiting rocky places in the North Island. Hairs on twigs dark, scattered. Flowers white, bell-shaped, in clusters to 10cm long at tip of twigs. Leaves 3-6cm long by 2-3cm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

oppositifolia: Opposite leaved

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-oppositifolia/>



Waihaha, Taupo, December. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

Gaultheria parvula

SYNONYMS

Pernettya nana Colenso

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria parvula D.J.Middleton

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUPAR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Creeping woody herb to 30cm or so wide bearing closely-spaced small oval thick narrow leaves with single bell-shaped small white flowers scattered among plant. Twigs not visible. Leaves with paler veins contrasting with the brownish leaf. Fruit 3-4mm wide, white to red. Inhabiting mountains of the eastern South Island.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Fleshy berries are dispersed by invertebrate frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

parvula: Very small, insignificant

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-parvula/>



Hakataramea pass, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Ahuriri Valley. Photographer: John Barkla

Gaultheria paniculata

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria paniculata B.L.Burtt et A.W.Hill

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAUPAN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy sprawling shrub bearing elliptic leathery toothed leaves inhabiting open areas in the North Island. Twigs reddish, hairs dark, bristly. Flowers in several wide branched sprays to 6cm long and 6cm wide (at the base) towards the tip of twigs. Leaves 3-5cm long by 1-2cm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

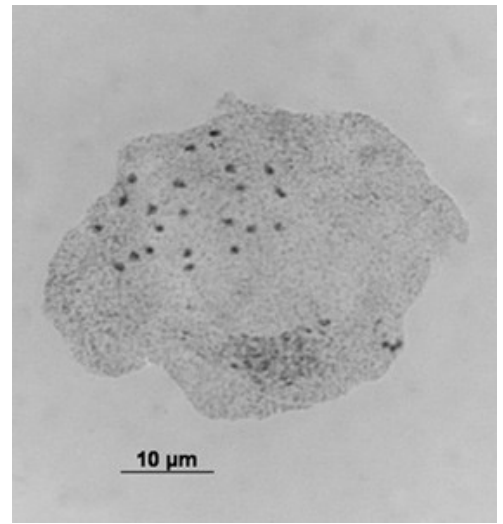
paniculata: Small sprayed

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-paniculata/>



In cult. Chromosomes 2n = 22. Photographer: Brian Murray



Gaultheria paniculata. Whakamaru, September. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth

Gaultheria rupestris

SYNONYMS

Gaultheria subcorymbosa Colenso, *Gaultheria rupestris* var. *subcorymbosa* (Colenso) B.L.Burtt et A.W.Hill, *Gaultheria glandulosa* Colenso

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Gaultheria rupestris (L.f.) D.Don

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE

GAURUP

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Bushy sprawling shrub bearing oval leathery toothed leaves on hairy twigs inhabiting mountains from the Ruahine south. Hairs on twigs dark. Flowers white, bell-shaped, in occasionally-branched clusters to 8cm long at the tip of twigs. Leaves 20-35mm long by 6-10mm wide. Fruit a dry capsule.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

rupestris: From the Latin *rupes* 'rock, cliff', meaning growing in rocky places

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-rupestris/>

Gaultheria shallon

COMMON NAME

Shallon

FAMILY

Ericaceae

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, White

YEAR NATURALISED

1958

ORIGIN

W. North America

ETYMOLOGY

gaultheria: Named after Jean François Gaultier of Quebec (6 Oct 1708-10 July 1756) by the Scandinavian Pehr Kalm in 1748.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gaultheria-shallon/>



Fruiting beside Lost Lake, Stanley Park, Vancouver. Photographer: Colin Ogle



Flowering; top of Sea-to-Sky gondola lift, near Sasquatch, British Columbia. Photographer: Colin Ogle

Glossary

abaxial	Facing away from the stem of a plant (especially denoting the lower surface of a leaf).
acerose	Narrow with a sharp stiff point.
achene	A simple, dry, one-seeded (one-celled) fruit.
acicular	Needle-shaped.
acidic	Having a low pH, opposite of basic or alkaline.
acrosopic	Pointing towards, or on the side of, the apex.
acuminate	Gradually tapered to a point. Sharply pointed.
acute	Pointed or sharp, tapering to a point with straight sides.
adnate	Fusion of unlike parts, e.g. stamens fused to petals.
adventive	A plant that grows in the wild in New Zealand but which was introduced to the country by humans.
agglutinated	Stuck together.
allelopath	An organism that releases compounds that are toxic to other species.
allelopathy	The release by an organism of compounds that are toxic to other species.
alternate	Attached singly at each node but changing from one side of a stem to the other.
alveolate	Honeycombed with ridged partitions.
amplexicaul	Clasping or surrounding the stem.
anamorph	Asexual fruiting stage, usually of an ascomycete fungus.
anastomosing	Rejoining after branching, as in some leaf veins.
annual	A plant that completes its complete life cycle within the space of a year.
annual evergreen	Plants that lose their over-wintering leaves rapidly in the first half of the growing season. Annual evergreens never present a leafless appearance, but are closer in a functional sense to a deciduous plant than they are to multi-annual evergreens.
annulus	Line of thickened cells that governs the release of spores from a sporangium.
anterior	Towards the front.
anther	The pollen-bearing portion of the stamen.
antheridium	Male reproductive organ formed on the prothallus of a fern.
anthesis	Flowering period from when the bud opens
apex	Tip; the point furthest from the point of attachment.
apices	Plural of apex. Tip, the point furthest from the point of attachment.
apiculate	Bearing a short slender and flexible point.
apiculus	A small, slender point.
apomixis	A form of reproduction whereby seed is formed without the usual mode of sexual fusion.
appressed	Pressed against another organ or surface.
aquatic	Growing, or living in, or frequenting water. Applied to plants and animals and their habitats. Opposite of terrestrial (land living).
archegonium	Female reproductive organ of a fern formed on the prothallus.
arcuate	Curved into an arch.
aril	An often fleshy appendage on the outside of a seed.
artificial thinning	Selectively removing vegetation to create gaps to facilitate natural invasion of native plants, or to plant later successional plants.
ascending	Growing obliquely upward.
asexual	Vegetative reproduction, lacking sexual involvement by sperm or egg cells.
attenuate	Narrowing gradually.
auricle	A small, ear-shaped appendage.
auriculate	Bearing a small, ear-shaped appendage.
autogamous	Self-fertilising flowers.
autotrophic	Of or relating to organisms (as green plants) that can make complex organic nutritive compounds from simple inorganic sources by photosynthesis.
awn	A stiff or bristle like projection often from the tip or back of an organ.

axil	The upper angle between the leaf and the stem.
axis	The longitudinal supporting structure around which organs are borne, e.g., a stem bearing leaves.
barbellate	Barbed, having or covered with protective barbs or quills or spines or thorns or setae.
basal	At the base.
basisropic	Pointing towards the base.
beak	A prominent extension of an organ.
bifid	Deeply split into two lobes.
bifurcate	Divided into two.
biosecurity	Preventing, eradicating, controlling and managing risks posed by pests and diseases.
biotic	Pertaining to the living parts of the environment.
bipinnate	With each primary pinna divided to the midrib into a secondary pinna.
biserrate	Doubly serrate.
blade	The flattened part of a leaf.
blunt	Not pointed at the ends.
bog	A quagmire covered with specialised plants including sphagnum moss, grasses, sedges, rushes, sundews, umbrella ferns and other plants; has wet, spongy ground, a marsh-plant community on wet, very acid peat. Fed only by rainfall.
bottleneck	A genetic term; refers to the fact that in smaller populations there could be lower genetic variability.
brachyblasts	Short shoots.
bract	A reduced leaf or leaf-like structure at the base of a flower.
bracteate	Bearing bracts: leaves or leaf-like structure reduced at the base of a flower.
bracteolate	With small bracts.
bracteole	A small bract.
bracteoles	Bracts directly below the flower.
brevideciduous	Brief (1 month or less) loss of most leaves from the canopy just before flowering or during flushing of a new cohort of leaves.
bryophyte	Plant group including mosses, liverworts and hornworts.
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bulbil	A bud produced vegetatively on the stem or frond that is capable of breaking off and growing into a new plant.
bullate	With rounded projections covering the surface as if blistered.
caespitose	Growing in dense tufts.
calli	Circular, warty, stalked thickenings commonly found on the lip (labellum) of the orchid (plural of callus).
callose	Hardened or thickened.
callus	Stalked thickening on the lip (labellum) of an orchid.
calyx	The group of sepals, or outer floral leaves, of a flower.
campanulate	Bell-shaped.
canaliculate	With longitudinal channels or grooves.
canopy	The uppermost cover formed by the branches and leaves of trees or the spread of bushes, shrubs and ground covers.
canopy closure	Stage where canopies of shrub and tree species meet.
canopy manipulation	Selectively removing vegetation to create gaps to facilitate natural invasion of native plants, or to plant later successional plants.
capillary	Hair-like.
capitula	Plural of capitulum: A dense head-like inflorescence of many flowers as occurs in most Asteraceae (daisies).
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capsule	A dry fruit formed from two or more fused carpels that splits open when ripe.
carbon sinks	Carbon locked away, or sequestered e.g. by trees.
carpel	One unit of the female part of a flower that consists of a basal seed-bearing ovary joined to a receptive stigma by a stalk-like style.

cauda	Tail-like appendage. (pl. caudae; adj. caudate).
caudex	The axis of a woody plant, esp. a palm or tree fern, comprising the stem and root.
cauline	Belonging to the stem, as in cauline leaves emerging from the stem.
cerise	Bright or deep red.
chartaceous	Having a papery texture.
chlorophyll	The green pigment of plants.
chlorotic	Lacking chlorophyll, therefore yellowish, suffering from chlorosis.
cilia	Short small hair-like structures on a cell or microorganism.
ciliate	With small hairs (cilia).
ciliolate	Diminutive of ciliate, i.e., having very small hairs.
cladode	Flattened stem with the function of a leaf.
cladodes	Usually flattened, photosynthetically active branches, these may be leaf-like (e.g., Phyllocladus) or branch-like (e.g., Carmichaelia).
clavate	Club-shaped, gradually widening towards apex.
cleft	Having indentations that extend about halfway to the center, as in certain leaves.
cleistogamous	Flowers that self-fertilise without opening.
coherent	Sticking together of like parts.
column	Stamen and stigmas fused to form a single organ.
columnar	Shaped like a column.
composite	Many small flowers tightly packed together e.g., daisy flowers.
compound	Composed of several similar parts (cf simple).
concave	Curved inward.
concolorous	Of the same colour.
conical	Cone-shaped.
connate	Fusion of like parts.
conspecific	Individuals of the same species.
cordate	Heart-shaped with the notch at the base.
coriaceous	Leather-like; thick, tough, and somewhat rigid.
corolla	The whorl of petals of a flower.
corymb	Modified raceme where stalks of lower flowers are elongated to same level as the upper flowers.
cosmopolitan	A species or other taxonomic group that is distributed widely throughout the world.
costa	The midrib.
crenate	With rounded teeth (bluntly toothed) along the margin.
crisped	Margin tightly wavy or crinkled, curled or wavy.
cristate	With a crest.
crown	The growing point of an upright rhizome or trunk. This usually produces a tuft or ring of fronds.
crura	The two small projections at the mouth of a utricle in Carex.
cucullate	Hood-shaped.
culm	The erect stem of a grass.
cuneate	Wedge-shaped.
cupular	Cup-shaped.
cuttings	Stems and/or leaves taken from plants for propagation.
cyathium	A cup-like structure that surrounds the inflorescence in Euphorbia.
cyme	Inflorescence at the terminus of a branch and where new flowering branches emerge laterally below the flower.
cytorace	Populations (or infraspecific taxa) that differ in chromosome number or chromosome morphology, e.g., <i>Nematoceras trilobum</i> agg. has two cytoraces, a diploid and a tetraploid (in which the chromosomes are doubled).
cytotype	Populations (or infraspecific taxa) that differ in chromosome number or chromosome morphology, e.g., <i>Nematoceras trilobum</i> agg. has two cytotypes, a diploid and a tetraploid (in which the chromosomes are doubled).
deciduous	Marked leaflessness in winter, and greater than 90% leaves lost by beginning of spring flush.

decrecent	Diminishing.
decumbent	With a prostrate or curved base and an erect or ascending tip.
decurrent	Attached by a broadened base.
decurved	Curved downward.
deflexed	Bent abruptly downward.
dehiscence	The time of opening at maturity to release the contents, e.g., a capsule releasing the seeds.
dehiscent	Splitting open at maturity to release contents (of a fruit).
deltoid	Shaped broadly like an equilateral triangle.
dentate	Toothed along the margin with the teeth pointing outward, not forward.
denticles	Minute teeth.
denticulate	Having a very finely toothed margin.
dichotomous	Divided into two equal branches.
digitiform	Finger-like.
dioecious	Having male and female flowers on separate plants of the same species.
diploid	With two complete sets of chromosomes in each cell.
disarticulating	Separating at a joint.
discoïd	Disc-shaped.
disjunct	A species or other taxonomic group that occupies areas that are widely separated and scattered and therefore have a discontinuous distribution.
distal	Toward the apex, away from the point of attachment (cf. proximal).
distichous	In two rows on opposite sides of the axis.
divaricating	Branching at a very wide angle with stiff intertwined stems.
domatia	Small structures on the lower surface of a leaf in some woody dicotyledons, located in the axils of the primary veins and usually consisting of depressions partly enclosed by leaf tissue or hairs.
dorsal	Of the back or outer surface relative to the axis. (cf. ventral).
drupe	A stone fruit, the seed enclosed in a bony covering (endocarp) which is surrounded by a + fleshy layer (mesocarp).
early successional species	Plants which are able to colonise an open area after disturbance but which are often temporary and are replaced by taller plants in time and shaded out.
echinate	Having sharply pointed spines or bristles.
ecological district	A characteristic landscape and biological community defined in the PNA (Protected Natural Area) programme.
ecological restoration	Attempt to reinstate original (pre-disturbance) state of a habitat, plant community or ecosystem.
ecosourced	Plants sourced from seed collected from similar naturally growing plants in the area of the planting site.
ecosourcing	Using native plants grown from locally grown seeds. Eco-sourced plants help to preserve the ecological distinctiveness of an area, and ecosourced plants fare better and are adapted to survive in the local conditions.
eglandular	Without glands.
elaiosome	Fleshy, oil-rich structure attached to seed that attracts ants which act as dispersers.
ellipsoid	Elliptic in long section and circular in cross-section.
elliptic	Broadest at the middle.
emarginate	With a notch at the apex.
emarginated	Having a shallow notch at the tip, as in some petals and leaves.
emergent	In an aquatic sense - wetland herbs that are rooted in the substrate below water level, but carry leaves and stems above the water level e.g. rushes and raupo. Found on the shallow margins of lakes, ponds and waterways. In a forest sense - tree that is appearing above the surrounding canopy.
emergent marginals	An aquatic plant having most of its structure above water. Other aquatic plants are submerged or floating.
endemic	Unique or confined to a place or region, found naturally nowhere else.

endophyte	An endosymbiont (usually a bacterium or fungus) that lives within a plant for at least part of its life without causing any apparent disease.
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endosperm	The nutritive tissue of a seed, consisting of carbohydrates, proteins, and lipids.
enrichment planting	Returning to a revegetation site and creating gaps, or filling existing gaps, with different plants of plants, usually later successional plants which may not have survived being planted in the first phases of the project.
ensiform	Sword shaped.
entire	Smooth. Without teeth, notches or divisions.
entomophilous	Pollinated by insects.
epicalyx	Calyx-like structure outside, but close to, the true calyx.
epigeal	Growing on or close to the ground or emerging from the ground after germination (often used for cotyledons).
epiphyte	A plant that grows upon another plant but is not parasitic and does not draw nourishment from it.
epiphytic	Growing upon another plant but not parasitic and not drawing nourishment it.
erose	Irregularly toothed, as if gnawed.
estuarine	Pertaining to the meeting of freshwater and seawater wetlands.
ethnobotany	The study of people's classification, management and use of plants.
eusporangia	Sporangia that arise from groups of epidermal cells.
evanescent	Lasting a very short time or running a short distance.
ex situ	Away from the place of natural occurrence.
ex-situ	Maintenance of plants as live specimens or propagules in cultivation as insurance against the loss of wild populations and as source for material for translocation.
excurrent	Having the axis prolonged to form an undivided main stem or trunk (as in conifers).
extravaginal	Outside an enclosing sheath.
falcate	Hooked or curved like a sickle.
fastigiate	Branches erect and close to central axis.
fen	A type of wet land that accumulates peat deposits. Fens are less acidic than bogs, deriving most of their water from groundwater rich in calcium and magnesium.
ferruginous	Rust-like (a colour term).
fertile frond	Fronds that bear sporangia.
filamentous	Resembling a filament.
filiform	Thread like, resembling a filament.
filiramulate	Branching at a very wide angle with stiff intertwined stems.
fimbriae	Plural of fimbria: Fringe. A fimbria is composed of many fimbriae (individual hair-like structures).
fimbriate	With fringes.
flabellate	Fan shaped.
flaccid	Limp, not rigid, flabby.
flange	A projecting rim.
flexuose	With curves or bends.
floccose	Having tufts of soft woolly hairs.
floret	A small flower, usually one of a cluster - the head of a daisy for example.
foliaceous	Leaf-like.
foliolate	Having leaflets.
founder effect	When a small number of plants (and therefore their genes) from a larger population are selected some genetic information is lost.
frond	A leaf, the complete leaf of a fern including the stipe and lamina.
fulvous	Orange-yellow.
funneliform	Funnel-shaped.
fusiform	Broadest near the middle and tapering toward both ends.
galea	Helmet- or hood-shaped.

galeate	Shaped like a helmet or hood.
gametophyte	A plant that produces sperm and egg cells and in which sexual reproduction takes place - in ferns this is known as the prothallus.
gene pool	The mixture of all genes and gene variations of a group or population.
genetic diversity	The variety of genes in a plants or populations.
genetic variation	Differences displayed by individuals within a plant which may be favoured or eliminated by selection.
geniculate	Abruptly bent.
genus	A taxonomic rank of closely related forms that is further subdivided in to species (plural = genera). In a scientific name (e.g., <i>Sicyos australis</i>), the first word is the genus, the second the species.
gibbous	Swollen or enlarged on one side, as in a gibbous moon.
glabrescent	Lacking hair or a similar growth or tending to become hairless.
glabrous	Without or devoid of hairs, smooth.
gland	A structure that secretes a sticky or oily substance.
glandular	A structure that secretes a sticky or oily substance.
glaucous	Covered with a fine, waxy, removable powder that imparts a white or bluish cast to the surface.
gley	A soil prone to seasonal inundation.
globose	Globe-shaped.
glume	One of two bracts at the base of a grass spikelet.
groundwater	Groundwater is the water beneath the surface that can be collected with wells, tunnels, or drainage galleries, or that flows naturally to the earth's surface via seeps or springs. Groundwater is the water that is pumped by wells and flows out through springs.
gymnosperm	Plants in the class Gymnospermae that have seeds which are not enclosed in an ovary.
gynodioecious	A species population containing plants that produce bisexual (perfect) flowers, and plants that produce only female (pistillate) flowers.
gynoecium	The female reproductive organs of a flower; the pistil or pistils considered as a group. Means literally "womans house" i.e., the overall structure that contains the female sex organs.
hastate	Spear like. Shaped like an arrowhead, but with basal lobes pointing outward rather than downward.
haustorium	The absorbing organ of a parasite or hemiparasite.
hemi-parasite	Obtains water and nutrients from the roots of other plants but also manufactures food through photosynthesis.
hemi-parasitic	Obtaining water and nutrients from the roots of other plants then manufacturing food through photosynthesis.
herbarium	The place where collections of dried/pressed plants are kept.
hermaphrodite	Having both male and female sexual characteristics and organs.
heteroblastic	Exhibiting differences in leaf shapes or forms in juvenile and adult phases of the plant.
heteroblasty	The state of being heteroblastic (i.e., exhibiting differences in leaf shapes or forms in juvenile and adult phases of the plant).
hirsute	Hairy.
hyaline	Membranous, thin and translucent.
hybrid	An individual that is the offspring of a cross between two different varieties or species.
hybridise	Breeding with a member of a different plant or type.
hydrophyte	A plant species adapted to growing in or on water or in wet situations. Aquatic or semi-aquatic.
hymenium	The fertile, spore-bearing layer of a fruitbody.
hypanthium	A ring-like, cup-shaped, or tubular structure of a flower on which the sepals, petals, and stamens are borne.
imbricate	Overlapping.
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imparipinnate	Odd-pinnate, a leaf shape; pinnate with a single leaflet at the apex.
in-situ	On site conservation relating to the maintenance of plants in the wild.
inbreeding	Genetic similarity in offspring of closely related individuals.

incoherent	Not sticking together.
incursion	Entrance of a pest into an area where it is not present.
indumentum	A covering of fine hairs (or sometimes scales).
indusia	Plural of indusium, a membrane covering a sorus of a fern.
indusium	A thin tissue that covers the sorus in many ferns. Plural: indusia.
inflorescence	The arrangement of flowers on the stem. A flower head.
infundibuliform	Funnel-like.
interkeel	The space between the keel and the leaf blade.
internode	The part of an axis between two nodes; the section of the stem between leaves.
internodes	Part of a stem between two nodes.
intramarginal	Within or near the margin.
involucral bracts	The scales surrounding the flower head or capitula.
involucre	A group of bracts surrounding a flower head.
involute	With margins rolled inward toward the upper side.
irritable	Responding to touch.
jugate	Paired.
juvenile	A plant of non-reproducing size.
keel	A prominent or obvious longitudinal ridge (as in a boat).
labellar	Pertaining to the labellum: a lip; in orchid flowers referring to the middle petal which usually differs in size, shape or ornamentation from the two lateral petals.
labellum	A lip; in orchid flowers referring to the highly modified middle petal which usually differs in size, shape or ornamentation from the two lateral petals.
lacinia	A jagged lobe.
lacinae	Jagged lobes.
lacinate	Cut into narrow, irregular lobes or segments.
lacustrine	Of or having to do with a lake, of, relating to, or formed in lakes, growing or living in lakes.
lamina	The expanded flattened portion or blade of a leaf, fern frond or petal.
lanceolate	Lance-shaped; of a leaf several times longer than wide with greatest width about one third from the base, tapering gradually to apex and more rapidly to base.
lateral	On or at the side.
lax	With parts open and spreading, not compact.
laxly	With parts open and spreading, not compact.
leaflet	One section of a compound leaf.
lemma	The lower of two bracts enclosing the flower in grasses.
lenticillate	Bark that is covered in fine lenticles (breathing pores).
ligulate	Strap-like, tongue-shaped.
ligule	The membrane between the leaf and the stem of a grass; the "petal" of a ray floret in a composite inflorescence.
linear	Long and narrow with more or less parallel sides.
littoral	Occurring at the border of land and sea (or lake). On or pertaining to the shore. The shallow sunlit waters near the shore to the depth at which rooted plants stop growing.
lobe	A recognisable, but not separated, rounded division or segment of a leaf or pinna. Used to describe ferns and leaves in <i>Cotula</i> and <i>Leptinella</i> .
lobed	Part of a leaf (or other organ), often rounded, formed by incisions to about halfway to the midrib.
lobule	A small lobe or sub-division of a lobe.
lustrous	Glossy, shiny.
lycophytes	Seedless vascular plants that belong to the phylum Lycophyta (characterised by microphylls - primitive leaves found in ancient plants).
lyrate	Pinnatifid or pinnatisect terminal lobe much larger than lower lobes.
maculate	Blotched or spotted.
mangrove	Coastal wetland dominated by Manawa or mangrove <i>Avicennia marina</i> var. <i>resiiifera</i> . Northern New Zealand only, salt marsh replaces it further south.

margin	The edge or border of a leaf.
marine	Pertaining to the sea and saltwater systems.
marsh	A tract of wet land principally inhabited by partially-submerged herbaceous vegetation. Has fewer woody plants than swampier habitats.
mealy	Dry, powdery, crumbly.
median	In the middle.
membranous	Very thin, like a membrane.
mid-lobe	The middle part into which a leaf is divided.
midrib	The central or principal vein of a leaf or pinna of a fern.
mire	Synonymous with any peat-accumulating wetland. Term covers bogs and peaty swamps, fens, carr, moor, muskeg and peatland. Term excludes marsh which is non-peat forming.
molecular techniques	Where proteins and genes are used to investigate plant relationships.
monitoring	Recording of quantitative data over time to document changes in condition or state of species or ecosystems.
monoecious	Having male and female flowers on the same plant of the same species.
montane	Land between 300 and 800 metres above sea level.
mucronate	Tipped with a short, sharp, point.
mucronulate	Having a very small mucro; diminutive of mucronate.
multi-annual evergreen	Overlapping annual cohorts of leaves always present.
multifid	Cleft into many lobes or segments.
multiseptate	With many septa.
muricate	Rough with short, hard points like the shell of Murex, a genus of tropical sea snails with elaborately pointed shells.
mycorrhiza	A symbiotic relationship between a fungus and a plant.
mycorrhizal associations	Symbiotic association between fungi and plant roots which assists plant health by allowing increased ability for uptake of nutrients and promote plant growth.
napiform	A long swollen but tapering root – like a parsnip, or carrot.
native	Naturally occurring in New Zealand (i.e., not introduced accidentally or deliberately by humans).
naturalised	Referring to plants that have escaped from cultivation (including gardens or forest plantations) and can now reproduce in the wild (without human assistance).
nectary	Organ that produces nectar.
nerve	Prominent vein or rib.
nerves	Strands of conducting and usually strengthening tissue in a leaves or similar structures.
net veins	Veins that repeatedly divide and re-unite.
net venation	Feather-like or hand-like venation on a leaf.
nival	Growing at high altitudes. From Latin: nivalis, snowy etc. from nix, nivis, snow.
node	The point at which leaves, branches or roots arise on a stem.
ob-	Prefix meaning inverted, in reverse direction.
obcordate	Heart shaped with the notch at the apex.
oblanceolate	Tapering and widest towards the apex or inversely lanceolate.
oblique	Slanting; of a leaf, larger on one side of the midrib than the other, in other words asymmetrical.
oblong	Rectangular.
obovate	Roughly elliptical or reverse egg shaped and widest near the apex (i.e., the terminal half broader than the basal half).
obtuse	Blunt or rounded at the apex, with the sides meeting at an angle greater than 90°.
operculate	With a small lid.
opposite	A pair of organs attached at nodes in pairs on either side of a stem or axis.
orbicular	Almost or approximately circular.
outbreeding depression	A reduction in vigor of offspring from distant parents. It can occur when a locally adapted population is moved and mixed with plants adapted to different conditions.

outer canopy deciduous	Marked reduction in leaf number in the outer canopy in exposed high light environments over winter.
oval	Planar, shaped like a flattened circle, symmetrical about both the long and the short axis; about twice as long as broad, tapering equally both to the tip and the base. Synonymous with elliptical.
ovary	Part of a flower containing the ovules and later the seeds.
ovate	Egg-shaped and widest at base.
ovoid	Oval; egg-shaped, with rounded base and apex.
pakihi	A term which in its strict sense refers to open clears within forest dominated by low scrub and rushes. However, more usually used to refer natural and induced wetlands and their associated shrublands. A vernacular most frequently used in the West Coast for impoverished soils and their associated peats, left after forest has been cleared.
palea	The small upper bract enclosing the flower of a grass.
palea	1. The upper of the two bracts that enclose each floret in a grass spikelet. 2. A small bract at the base of a disc floret in some plants of the composite family. 3. Scales on various parts of ferns (referred to as paleate or paleaceous). From the Latin word for 'chaff'.
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palmately	Radiating from a point, as fingers radiating from the palm of a hand.
palmatifid	Deeply divided into several lobes arising from more or less the same level.
palmatisect	Intermediate between palmate and palmatifid, i.e. the segments are not fully separated at the base; often more or less digitate.
palustrine	Pertaining to wet or marshy habitats. Term covers mires and marshes.
pandurate	Fiddle-shaped.
panicle	Highly branched (multiple raceme).
papilla	A short rounded projection.
papillae	A soft, fleshy projection, usually small and nipple-like.
papillate	With short rounded projections.
papillose	Warty, with short rounded projections or gland-dotted.
parallel venation	Veins are parallel along leaf.
parasite	An organism that derives all its nourishment from its host.
patent	Spreading or expanded, e.g., spreading petals.
peat	A mass of partially carbonised plant tissue formed by partial decomposition in water of various plants and especially of mosses of the genus Sphagnum, widely found in many parts of the world, varying in consistency from a turf to a slime used as a fertiliser, as stable litter, as a fuel, and for making charcoal. Partially carbonized vegetable matter saturated with water; can be used as a fuel when dried. A type of soil deriving from dead organic material situated in a wet area, where the reduced amount of [[oxygen available in the wet conditions results in the organic material not decomposing as much as it usually would do so in the presence of more oxygen. Used in growing media. Represents an important carbon sink –drainage of peat releases large amounts of carbon (CO ₂) to the atmosphere.
pedicel	The stalk of a single flower in an inflorescence or fruit (either in a cluster or existing singularly).
peduncle	The stalk of a solitary flower or the main stalk of an inflorescence or flower cluster.
pedunculate	Describing fruits, which are borne on a stalk (a peduncle).
pellucid	Transparent.
peltate	Shield-like, with the stalk attached well inside the margin.
pendent	Hanging down from its support.
pendulous	Hanging or drooping.
penicillate	With a tuft of hairs at the end, like a brush.
perennial	A plant lasting for three seasons or more.
perianth	A collective term for the calyx (sepals or tepals) and corolla (petals) of the flower, especially when these are indistinguishable.
petal	Part of flower inside the sepals; usually coloured.
petiolate	Having a petiole.

petiole	Leaf stalk.
phloem	The vascular tissue in land plants that is primarily responsible for the distribution of sugars and nutrients manufactured in a shoot.
photopoint	A monitoring technique where repeat photos are taken of the same scene from the same point over a period of time in order to quantify changes.
pilose	Bearing long, soft hairs.
pinna	A segment of a divided lamina that is classified as primary, secondary or tertiary according to the degree of dissection of the lamina.
pinnae	Divisions of a pinnate leaf.
pinnate	With leaflets arranged regularly in two rows on either side of a stalk as in a feather; the lamina on a fern is divided into separate pinnae.
pinnatifid	Pinnately lobed, cleft more than halfway to the midrib. Not cleft all the way to the rachis.
pinnatisect	Pinnately divided almost to midrib but segments still confluent.
pioneer	Plant species are hardy species that should be planted first to establish a good canopy cover that restricts weed growth and promotes natural regeneration. In natural ecosystems these are the first plants to arrive and grow on a site.
pistil	The female reproductive organ of a flower, consisting of an ovary, style, and stigma.
pistillate	A flower with one or more pistils, but no stamens.
plano-convex	Flat on one side, convex on the other.
plumose	Feathery.
podzol	Infertile, acidic soil, strongly leached to form a whitish-grey subsoil underlain by a layer enriched in iron, aluminium and organic matter; usually under forest in a wet temperate climate.
pole	A subcanopy size individual with a long thin trunk and foliage tuft of a potential canopy tree.
pollinia	Compact masses of orchid pollen.
population enhancement	Increasing a population for a specific biological purpose, e.g., when a species is already present in an area but extra individuals are added to address a sex imbalance.
porrect	Extending forward.
procumbent	Lying and flat along the ground but not rooting.
propagate	To reproduce a plant by sexual (i.e., from seed) or asexual (e.g., from cuttings) means.
prostrate	A general term for lying flat along the ground. This includes procumbent (that is lying and flat along the ground but not rooting) and decumbent (with a prostrate or curved base and an erect or ascending tip).
provenance	The place of origin (of a plant that is in cultivation).
proximal	Toward the base or point of attachment (cf. distal).
pseudobulb	Thickened surface stem; usually looking like a bulb.
pseudoterminal	Falsely terminal – as in a bud which appears to occupy a terminal position but does not.
puberulent	Minutely clad in short, soft hairs.
pubescence	Covering of soft, fine hairs.
pubescent	Covered in short, soft hairs.
pungent	Ending in a stiff sharp point.
pustule	Small blister-like elevation.
quadrate	Square, rectangular.
raceme	An unbranched, elongated inflorescence with pedicellate flowers maturing from the bottom upward i.e., flowers attached to the main stem by short stalks.
rachis	The axis of an inflorescence or of a compound leaf.
ray	An outer ring of strap-like florets in the head of Asteraceae (daisy) flowers.
re-introduction	Translocating wild or cultivated individuals to sites where the taxon has been known to occur in the past, but from which it has disappeared.
recurved	Curved backward.
reflexed	Bent back on itself.
reniform	Kidney shaped.
repand	With a slightly wavy margin.
replum	The outer structure of a pod in which the valves have dehisced (persists after the opening of the fruit).

restiad	Area dominated by rush-like plants (collectively known as restiads) of the family Restionaceae. Includes Chatham Island and North Island Sporodanthus and oioi (<i>Apodasmia similis</i>).
retorse	Pointing backward.
retuse	A shallow notch at the rounded or blunt apex of a leaf.
rhizoid	Any of various slender filaments that function as roots in mosses and ferns and fungi.
rhizomatous	With underground creeping stems.
rhizome	An underground stem (usually spreading horizontally or creeping) or short and erect.
rhombic	Diamond-shaped.
rhomboid	Diamond shaped, nearly rhombic.
riparian	Relating to or living or located on the bank of a natural watercourse (as a river) or sometimes of a lake or a tidewater.
riparian margin	Refers to the edges of streams, rivers, lakes or other waterways.
riparian plants	Refers to plants found growing near the edges of streams, rivers or other waterways.
riparian zone	A strip of land next to streams, rivers, and lakes where there is a transition from terrestrial (land vegetation) to aquatic (water) vegetation. Also known as "berm".
riverine	Pertaining to rivers, streams and such like flowing water systems.
rootstock	A short, erect, underground stem.
rosette	A radiating cluster of leaves.
rostellum	In orchids, a modified stigma that prevents self-fertilisation.
rosulate	A dense radiating cluster of leaves.
rugose	Wrinkled.
rugulose	Having small wrinkles.
runcinate	Sharply pinnatifid or cleft, the segments directed downward.
runner	A trailing stem that roots at the nodes.
rupestral	Growing on rocks.
rushes	A group of distinctive wetland plants. They have solid stems (grasses have hollow stems), true rushes <i>Juncus</i> sp. have rounded leaves.
sagittate	Shaped like the head of an arrow; narrow and pointed but gradually enlarged at base into two straight lobes directed downwards; may refer only to the base of a leaf with such lobes; cf. hastate.
salt marsh	A coastal wetland, with specialized salt tolerant plants (halophytes).
sapling	A juvenile tree that has reached the stage of 1 or 2 main stems but is still in the shrub layer.
saprophyte	A plant lacking chlorophyll and living on dead organic matter.
saprophytic	Lacking chlorophyll and living on dead organic matter.
sarcotesta	The fleshy, often highly coloured outer layer of the seed coat in some species, e.g., titoki (<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>).
scabrid	Roughened or rough with delicate and irregular projections.
scale	Any thin, flat, membranous structure.
scape	A leafless flower stem.
schizocarp	A fruit which splits when dry, from the Greek <i>skhizein</i> 'split' and <i>karpos</i> 'fruit'.
schizocarps	Plural of schizocarp, a fruit which splits when dry, from the Greek <i>skhizein</i> 'split' and <i>karpos</i> 'fruit'.
scutiform	Shield-shaped.
sedges	A group of grass-like or rush-like herbaceous plants belonging to the family Cyperaceae. Many species are found in wetlands some are forest floor plants. Leaves are usually angular. Hence the saying "rushes are round and sedges have edges".
seedling	A newly germinated plant.
self sustaining	Able to sustain itself, or replace itself, independently of management i.e. regenerate naturally.
self thinning	Natural tree death in a crowded, even-aged forest or shrubland.
semi-deciduous	Partial leaflessness in winter, and greater than 50% leaves lost by the beginning of spring flush.
sepal	Outer part of flower; usually green.
serrate	Sharply toothed with teeth pointing forwards towards apex.
serrulate	Finely serrate, i.e., finely toothed with asymmetrical teeth pointing forward; like the cutting edge of a saw.

sessile	Attached by the base without a stalk or stem.
seta	The stalk of a fruiting moss capsule.
sheath	A portion of an organ that surrounds (at least partly) another organ (e.g., the tubular envelope enclosing the stem in grasses and sedges).
silicles	The flattened usually circular capsule – compared with the narrow, elongated fruit (silique) – containing the seed/seeds. A term used almost exclusively for plants within the cabbage family (Brassicaceae).
silique	A capsule, usually 2-celled, with 2 valves falling away from a frame (replum) bearing.
simple	Of one part; undivided (cf compound).
sinuate	With a wavy margin.
sinus	The space or recess between lobes; in hebes a gap between the margins of two leaves of an opposite pair that may be present in the bud before the pair of leaves separate.
sorus	A cluster of two or more sporangia on the margin or underside of the lamina of a fern, sometimes protected by an indusium.
spathulate	Spatula or spoon-shaped, a rounded blade tapering gradually to the base.
spheroidal	Almost spherical but elliptic in cross section.
spicate	Arranged in a spike.
spike	Flowers attached to main stem without stalks.
spikelet	Collection of individual grass florets borne at the end of the smallest branch of the inflorescence.
sporangia	Plural of sporangium. Structures in which spores are produced.
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spore	A single-celled reproductive unit similar in function to that of the seed in a flowering plant.
sporophyte	The spore producing plant in ferns that is usually the visible part.
stamen	The male reproductive organ of a flower where pollen is produced. Consists of an anther and its stalk.
stamens	The male, pollen bearing organ of a flower.
standing water	Where water lies above the soil surface for much of the year.
stellate	Irregularly branched or star shaped.
stigma	Female part of the flower that is receptive to pollen, usually found at or near the tip (apical end) of the style where deposited pollen enters the pistil.
stipe	The stalk of a frond.
stipitate	Borne on a stipe or stalk.
stipulate	A leaf with stipules.
stipule	A scale-like or leaf-like appendage at the base of a petiole, usually paired.
stolon	A stem which creeps along the ground, or even underground.
stoloniferous	Producing stolons.
stramineous	Chaffy, like straw or straw-colored.
stria	A fine line or groove.
striae	Fine lines or grooves.
striate	Fine longitudinal lines or minute ridges.
style	The elongated part of the flower between the ovary and the stigma.
sub-	A prefix meaning under, somewhat or almost.
subglabrous	Very slightly, but persistently, hairy.
suborbicular	Slightly rounded in outline.
substrate	The surface upon which an orchid grows.
subtended	Immediately beneath, occupying a position immediately beneath a structure, i.e., flower subtended by bract.
subulate	Slender and tapering to a point.
succession	Progressive replacement of one species or plant community type by another in an ecosystem.
successional	Referring to species, plant communities or habitats that tend to be progressively replaced by another.
succulent	Fleshy and juicy.

summer-green	Used in New Zealand to indicate herbs or sub-shrubs that die down to a root stock or rhizomatous network.
supplementary planting	Returning to a revegetation site and creating gaps, or filling existing gaps, with different plants of plants, usually later successional plants which may not have survived being planted in the first phases of the project.
surface water	Water present above the substrate or soil surface.
surveillance	Regular survey for pests inside operational and managed areas e.g. nurseries, standout areas on parks.
survey	Collection of observations on the spatial distribution or presence or absence of species using standardised procedures.
sustainable land management	The use of farming practices which are sustainable both financially and environmentally including management of nutrient runoff, waste disposal or stock effluent, reducing impacts of nutrients on waterways, preventing erosion and soil loss, and protecting native forest and wetland habitats from stock damage.
swamp	Low land that is seasonally flooded; has more woody plants than a marsh and better drainage than a bog. They are more fertile and less acidic than bogs because inflowing water brings silt, clay and organic matter. Typical swamp plants include raupo, purei and harakeke (flax). Zonation and succession often leads through manuka to kahikatea swamp forest as soil builds up and drainage improves.
symbiote	An organism that has an association with organisms of another species whereby the metabolic dependence of the two associates is mutual.
symbiotic	The relation between two different species of organisms that are interdependent; each gains benefits from the other (see also symbiosis).
sympatric	Occupying the same geographical region.
synangia	Structures made up of fused sporangia.
synonym	A botanical name that also applies to the same taxon.
systematics	The study of taxonomy, phylogenetics, and taxagenetics.
tabular	Shaped like a rectangular tablet.
taxa	Taxonomic groups. Used to refer to a group at any level e.g., genus, species or subspecies.
taxon	A taxonomic group. Used to refer to a group at any level e.g., genus, species or subspecies.
taxonomy	The process or science of classifying, naming, and describing organisms.
tepal	An individual member of the perianth.
terete	Cylindrical and tapering.
terminal	At the tip or apex.
ternatifid	Leaflets in threes,.
tetrad	A group of four.
tomentum	A hairy covering of short closely matted hairs.
translocation	The movement of living organisms from one area to another.
trifid	Divided into three.
trifoliate	Having three leaflets.
trigonus	Three-angled.
tripinnate	With each secondary pinna divided to the midrib into tertiary pinnae.
triquetrous	Triangular in cross section and acutely angled.
truncate	With the apex or base squared at the end as if cut off.
tuberculate	Bearing small swellings.
tubular	Tube-shaped.
turbinate	Top-shaped.
turgid	Distended through internal pressure.
type locality	The place or source where a holotype or type specimen was found for a species.
ultramafic	A type of dark, usually igneous, rock that is chemically dominated by magnesium and iron-rich minerals, the partially metamorphosed form of which is serpentinite.
umbel	Umbrella like; the flower stalks arise from one point at the stem.
undulate	Wavy edged.
undulose	Wavy edged.

unitubular	A tube partitioned once – literally one tube (compare – multitubular – many tubes).
utricle	A thin loose cover enveloping some fruits (eg., Carex, Uncinia).
valvate	Opening by valves.
vascular plant	A plant that possesses specialised conducting tissue (xylem and phloem). This includes flowering plants, conifers and ferns but excludes mosses, algae, lichens and liverworts.
velutinous	Thickly covered with delicate hairs; velvety.
ventral	Of the front or inner (adaxial) surface relative to the axis. (cf. dorsal).
vermiform	Worm-shaped.
vernucose	Glossy, literally as if varnished, e.g., Hebe vernucosa has leaves than appear as if varnished.
verrucose	Having small rounded warts.
verticillium	A fungus disease that will cause wilting and death.
villous	Covered with long, soft, fine hairs.
water table	The level at which water stays in a soil profile. The zone of saturation at the highest average depth during the wettest season.
wetland	A site that regularly has areas of open water for part or all of the year, or has a water table within 10 cm of the surface for at least 3 months of the year. Wetland ecosystems support a range of plant and animal species adapted to a aquatic or semi-aquatic environment.
whipcord	A shrub in which the leaves are reduced to scales that are close-set and pressed against the stem.
whorl	A ring of branches or leaves arising at the same level around the stem of a plant.
whorled	Aranged in a ring around the stem.