



## *Brachyglottis kirkii* var. *kirkii*

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

Kohurangi, Kirk's daisy

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

At Risk - Declining

### **Distribution:**

Endemic to the North Island. Locally scattered throughout.

### **Habitat:**

An epiphyte of lowland to lower montane forest, sometimes terrestrial.

### **Features:**

A spring flowering, usually epiphytic shrub to 1.5 m tall with purple stems and grey bark developed on old wood. Leaves 40 to 100 by 20 to 40 mm, fleshy, variable in shape, usually toothed in upper third, hairless, upper surface pale to dark green, often tinged maroon, undersides paler. Flowers 30 by 40 mm diameter, borne in dense inflorescences of 3 to 20 flowers, the individual daisy-like flowers have white petals (rays). Fruits dry, windborne, dandelion structures.

### **Flowering:**

August to October

### **Fruiting:**

October to December

### **Threats:**

This plant is intolerant of browse and targeted by possums, goats and deer.

### **References and further reading:**

*Variation in *Senecio kirkii* Hook.f.* by F.J. Newhook (Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of New Zealand, Volume 72, 1942-43)

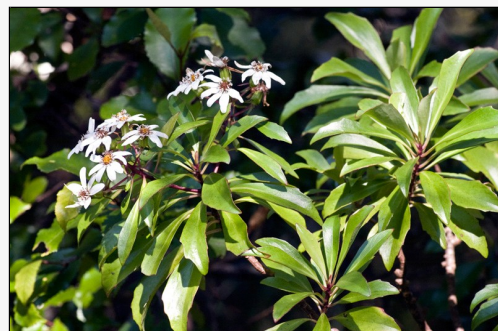
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**Caption:** *Brachyglottis kirkii* var. *kirkii*

**Photographer:** Peter de Lange



**Caption:** Tararua Range. Dec 2009.

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