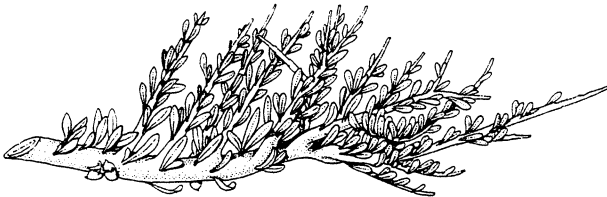


SMALL-LEAVED SHRUBS OF CANTERBURY AND WESTLAND
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By the time you read this a draft copy of drawings and text will be circulating for field checking, comments and criticism. Small field parties are planned to check descriptions against wild plants. Now is the time also to send in any further gathered information on the plants themselves, their distribution across the grid squares (see *Canterbury Botanical Society Journal* 21: 36-39), their flowering and fruiting times, and their habitats. The draft copy should point out significant gaps. Detailed work on the text has revealed the omission of four *Olearia* and three *Pimelia* species which it seems by the criteria we laid down for selection of species, should have been included. It may not be too late to include them. Again, by the time you read this, a decision will have been made. The four species are: *Olearia capillaris*, *O. laxiflora*, *O. moschata* & *O. coriacea* and *Pimelia aridula*, *P. concinia* & *P. gnidia*. That would bring the total number of species given the full treatment of drawing and description to 134. (Three naturalized species have been included). I can't give you a publication date yet. But we won't waste time. It's not intended to make the first printing anything like the final word. Instead it should provide a useful manual of identification allowing members to keep on gathering information on the distribution, ecology, and conservation of these fascinating species, which can then be incorporated into future editions.



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