

# Celmisia discolor

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

Celmisia discolor Hook. f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

CELDIS

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Widespread in mountainous regions of the sub-alpine to low alpine parts of South Island (from 1000 to 1700m) although it is rare or absent from the dry eastern regions and south of Canterbury.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1818

## ETYMOLOGY

**celmisia:** Apparently named after Kelmis, one of Idaean Dactyls, a group of skilled mythical beings associated with the Mother Goddess Rhea in Greek mythology. Kelmis, whose name means 'casting', was a blacksmith and childhood friend of Zeus, son of Rhea and later king of the gods. In Ovid's 'Metamorphoses', Kelmis is described as offending Zeus who turned him into adamant so he was as hard as a tempered blade

**discolor:** Two colours or of different colours; from the latin dis and color; different colours of the leaf surfaces

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/celmisia-discolor/>



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