## Acaena microphylla var. microphylla

**COMMON NAME** bidibid, piripiri

**FAMILY** Rosaceae

AUTHORITY Acaena microphylla Hook.f. var. microphylla

**FLORA CATEGORY** Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS No

ENDEMIC FAMILY No

STRUCTURAL CLASS Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER 2n = c.42

**CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS** 2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

**PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES** 

2012 | Not Threatened 2009 | Not Threatened 2004 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS Red/Pink

## LIFE CYCLE

Spiny hypanthia are dispersed by attaching to fur, feathers and clothing and possibly also dispersed by wind and granivory (Thorsen et al., 2009)

## ETYMOLOGY

**acaena**: From the Greek 'akanthos' thorn, referring to the spiny calyx that many species have **microphylla**: Small leaf

## **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 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309

**MORE INFORMATION** 

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/acaena-microphylla-var-microphylla/





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