

# Aciphylla polita

## FAMILY

Apiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Aciphylla polita (Kirk) Cheeseman

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

ACIPOL

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

## LIFE CYCLE

Winged schizocarps are dispersed primarily by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**aciphylla**: From the Latin acicula 'needle' and the Greek phyllum 'leaf', meaning needle-leaf.

**polita**: Smooth or polished

## 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/aciphylla-polita/>



Aciphylla polita in flower. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Summit of Mt Peel, Kahurangi NP. Photographer: Gillian Crowcroft