Aciphylla polita

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Cream, White

GENUS
Aciphylla

FAMILY
Apiaceae

AUTHORITY
Aciphylla polita (Kirk) Cheeseman

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

Aciphylla polita in flower. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

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LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
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

NVS CODE
ACIPOL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 22

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

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/

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