

Aciphylla polita

FAMILY
Apiaceae

AUTHORITY
Aciphylla polita (Kirk) Cheeseman

FLORA CATEGORY
Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Dicotyledonous Herbs other than Composites

NVS CODE
ACIPOL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
 $2n = 22$

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
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/>



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