

# Amblystegium varium

## COMMON NAMES

moss, tree apron moss

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2025 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, RR, SO

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## CATEGORY

Non-vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Mosses

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. New Zealand: North Island (lower Waikato - Huntly Basin especially), South Island (Arthur's Pass National Park). Australia.

## SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Terricolous, corticolous or saxicolous. Often at the base of trees and shrubs along river banks and in wetlands, more rarely alpine. Favouring heavily shaded, permanently damp sites that may be flooded for long periods of times. Apparently favouring calcareous substrates.

## THREATS

No apparent threats, seemingly rather uncommon and often confined to calcareous substrates within wetland systems.

## GENUS

Amblystegium

## FAMILY

Amblystegiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Amblystegium varium* (Hedw.) Lindb.

## SYNONYMS

*Leskea varia* Hedw., *Orthotheciella varia* (Hedw.) Ochyra

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## FRUITING

Fruits have been observed and these seem to be sporadically produced throughout the year.

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2014 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, SO

2010 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, SO

2005 | Range Restricted | Qualifiers: SO

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**MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/amblystegium-varium/>

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