

Archeria traversii var. traversii

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Bushy shrub of wetter South Island forests. Twigs reddish. Leaves harsh, small, longer than wide and narrowing to a pointed tip. Flowers white or reddish, in small spikes. Fruit a woody capsule with an obvious stalk at the tip, splits to release small dry seeds.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink, Yellow

GENUS

Archeria

FAMILY

Ericaceae

AUTHORITY

Archeria traversii Hook.f. var. *traversii*

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds are dispersed by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009)

ETYMOLOGY

archeria: After Archer, a Tasmanian botanical artist

traversii: Named after William Thomas Locke Travers (1819-1903) who was an Irish lawyer, magistrate, politician, explorer, naturalist, photographer. He lived in New Zealand from 1849 and was a fellow of the Linnean Society.

NVS CODE

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

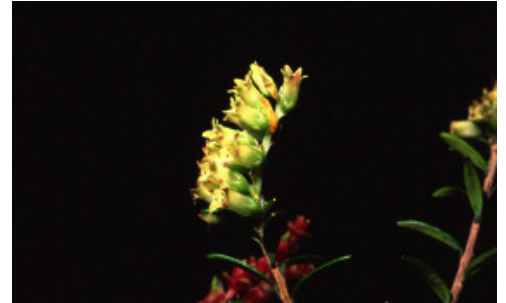
2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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Male flower, Arthurs Pass, December.

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Female flower, Arthurs Pass, December.

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, NS, Sp Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the "Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025" Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

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/archeria-traversii-var-traversii/>

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