

Arthropodium candidum

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Arthropodium

FAMILY

Asparagaceae

AUTHORITY

Arthropodium candidum Raoul

SYNONYMS

Arthropodium reflexum Col.; Arthropodium ramulosum Col.; Arthropodium bulbosum Simpson

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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

CULTIVATION

Common in cultivation. Most nurseries stock the naturally occurring purple-leaved form.

ETYMOLOGY

arthropodium: From the Greek words arthron 'joint' and pous 'foot', referring to the jointed floral foot stalks.

candidum: White

NVS CODE

ARTCAN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 22

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

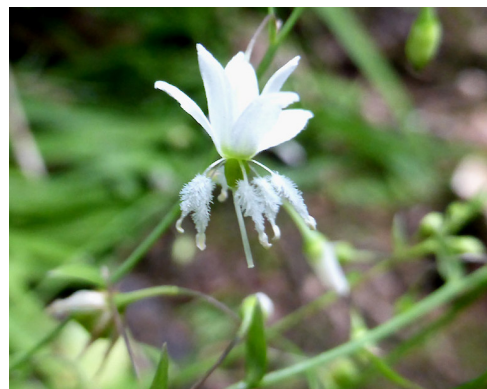
2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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Stamen filaments bearing dense hairs; Paengaroa SR, Mataroa near Taihape. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 15/01/2017, Licence: CC BY-NC.

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Endangered | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, PF, Sp Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the “Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland” Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened 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/arthropodium-candidum/>

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