

# Astelia nivicola var. nivicola

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

## GENUS

Astelia

## FAMILY

Asteliaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Astelia nivicola* Cockayne ex Cheeseman var. *nivicola*

## SYNONYMS

None

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Fleshy berries are dispersed by frugivory (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**astelia**: Stemless

**nivicola**: Snow dweller

## NVS CODE

ASTNVN

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

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.



Upper Otira Valley, Canterbury (leaf detail).  
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Wapiti River catchment, Central Fiordland, 1200m asl. Photographer: Rowan Hindmarsh-Walls, Date taken: 20/02/2013, Licence: CC BY-NC.

## 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/astelia-nivicola-var-nivicola/>

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