

Cardamine depressa subsp. stellata

COMMON NAMES

bittercress

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, IE, OL

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. In New Zealand known from the South Island, Auckland Islands, and Campbell Island/Motu Ihupuku. Elsewhere it is only known from Macquarie Island, which, while botanically part of the New Zealand Botanical Region is managed by Australia.

GENUS

Cardamine

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Cardamine depressa var. *stellata* (Hook.f.) Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

Cardamine stellata Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed, inclined to become invasive. Short-lived and prefers cooler non humid climates.

ETYMOLOGY

cardamine: From the Greek name kárdamon, referring to an Indian spice

depressa: From the Latin depremere 'to press down', meaning to be flattened vertically, often referring to a plant's habit

stellata: With spreading star-like rays, starry



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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, IE, OL

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cardamine-depressa-subsp-stellata/>

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