

Cardamine exigua

COMMON NAMES

cress

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

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

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

For a detailed description see [Flora of New Zealand](#)

GENUS

Cardamine

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Cardamine exigua Heenan

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

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

NVS CODE

CAREXI

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, NR, NS, NStr, Sp, St, TL 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

Heenan PB. 2017. A taxonomic revision of *Cardamine* L. (Brassicaceae) in New Zealand. *Phytotaxa* 330(1): 1–154. <https://doi.org/10.11646/phytotaxa.330.1>.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cardamine-exigua/>

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