

# Clematis marata

## COMMON NAMES

clematis

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A slender low-climbing evergreen woody climber. Leaves are hairy on both sides, trifoliolate and dull green.

## SIMILAR TAXA

The wider green hairy sepals (petals are not present in *Clematis* species) distinguish *Clematis marata* from the very similar *C. quadribacteolata*, which has narrow purple sepals that are glabrous on the inner surface. When not in flower they are more difficult to distinguish, but *C. marata* leaflets and branchlets are hairier. The distribution of these two species overlaps throughout the eastern South Island.

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic to South Island. Found in Marlborough (upper Awatere Valley), Canterbury, Otago, Southland (Te Anau Downs) and Stewart Island.

## HABITAT

Apparently restricted to river terraces, rock outcrops and dry hillsides and scrub habitats.

## GENUS

Clematis

## FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Clematis marata* J.B.Armstr.

## TAXONOMIC NOTES

*Clematis marata* and *C. quadribacteolata* were treated by Allan (1961) as parts of a variable complex. Joe Cartman showed that they are distinct species, and provided descriptions in [Canterbury Botanical Society Journal 20: 36-37 \(1986\)](#).

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No



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## FLOWERING

September - December

## FRUITING

December - March

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**clematis**: From the Greek klema 'vine', alluding to the vine-like habit of many species

## NVS CODE

CLEMAR

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 16

## 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.

## 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* 11: 285-309.

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