

# Colobanthus apetalus

## COMMON NAME

colobanthus

## FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

## AUTHORITY

Colobanthus apetalus (Labill.) Druce

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

COLAPE

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green

## LIFE CYCLE

Winged seeds are dispersed by water and possibly also wind and ballistic projection (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**colobanthus**: Mutilated flower with no petals

**apetalus**: From the Latin prefix a- 'without' and petalum 'petal',

## 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.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/colobanthus-apetalus/>



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