

# Colobanthus canaliculatus

## FAMILY

Caryophyllaceae

## AUTHORITY

Colobanthus canaliculatus Kirk

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

COLCAN

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## 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

**canaliculatus**: From the Latin canalis 'groove' or 'canal', meaning caniculate or with longitudinal grooves or channels

## 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-caniculatus/>



Hummock peak, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth