

Cotula australis

COMMON NAME

common cotula, soldier's button

SYNONYMS

Cotula venosa Colenso

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Cotula australis (Spreng.) Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

NVS CODE

COTAUS

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

LIFE CYCLE

Winged cypselae are dispersed by water, attachment and wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

cotula: Little cup, from the Greek kotule (small cup), referring to the cupped area at the base of the leaves

australis: Southern

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/cotula-australis/>



Cotula australis. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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