

Forstera tenella

SYNONYMS

Forstera bidwillii Hook.f. var. *bidwillii*; *Forstera bidwillii* var. *densifolia* Mildbr.; *Forstera truncatella* Colenso; *Forstera major* Colenso

FAMILY

Stylidiaceae

AUTHORITY

Forstera tenella Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

FORTEN

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Winged seeds are dispersed by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

forstera: Named after Johann Reinhold Forster and his son Johann Georg Adam Forster who were 18th century naturalists on James Cook's second voyage

tenella: Delicate

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/forstera-tenella/>



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