

# 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

2017 | Not Threatened

## 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

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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