

Gentianella vernicosa

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Gentianella

FAMILY

Gentianaceae

AUTHORITY

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SYNONYMS

Gentiana vernicosa Cheeseman, Gentiana gracilifolia Cheeseman, Chionogentias vernicosa (Cheeseman) L.G.Adams, Chionogentias gracilifolia (Cheeseman) L.G.Adams, Oreophylax vernicosa (Cheeseman) Á.Löve nom. inval.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

ETYMOLOGY

gentianella: Little Gentiana (named after Gentius, 6th century king of Illyria, who found the roots of the yellow gentian to have a healing effect on his malaria-stricken troops)

vernica: Varnished

NVS CODE

GENVER

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/gentianella-vernicosa/>

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