

Geranium potentilloides

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

GENUS

Geranium

FAMILY

Geraniaceae

AUTHORITY

Geranium potentilloides DC.

SYNONYMS

Geranium microphyllum var. *obtusatum* G.Simpson & J.S.Thomson

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seed dispersed by wind, ballistic projection and possibly attachment (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

geranium: From the Greek *geranos* 'crane', the fruit of the plant resembling the head and beak of this bird, hence the common name cranesbill.

NVS CODE

GERPOT

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 112

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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Among disturbed red tussock grassland, near National Park-Waimarino village. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 22/12/1971, Licence: Public domain.



Weedy on forest margin, Matakana Auckland. Photographer: Marley Ford, Date taken: 23/04/2024, Licence: CC BY.

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Data Deficient | Qualifiers: SO Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the “Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland” Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Data Deficient | Qualifiers: TL Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the “Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025” Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 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/geranium-potentilloides/>

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