

# Glossostigma elatinoides

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## GENUS

Glossostigma

## FAMILY

Phrymaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Glossostigma elatinoides* Benth. ex Hook.f.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

.Seeds dispersed by ballistic projection, wind and water (Thorsen et al., 2009)

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

OBL: Obligate Wetland

Almost always is a hydrophyte, rarely in uplands (non-wetlands).

## ETYMOLOGY

**glossostigma**: Tongue-shaped stigma

**elatinoides**: Resembling *Elatine* - a superficially similar plant of wetlands and fresh water bodies

## NVS CODE

GLOELA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

$2n = 10$

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Declining | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, PF, RR, SO, Sp 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 Not Threatened 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

Duguid, F. 1969. Notes on *Glossostigma elatinoides*. Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin, 36: 15-18

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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/glossostigma-elatinoides/>

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