

Goebelobryum unguiculatum

COMMON NAMES

Liverwort

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2020 | Threatened – Nationally Endangered | Qualifiers: RR, SO

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CATEGORY

Non-vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Liverworts

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Australia and New Zealand. In New Zealand known from the North, South and Chatham Islands.

HABITAT

Poorly drained substrates within gumland scrub and pakihi. Also frequent in mainly high moor peat bogs where at times it can be the dominant vegetation.

SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Poorly drained clay and sandy soils overlying iron pans, and in peat bogs (especially those dominated by restiads)

THREATS

Habitat loss - drainage of peat bogs and conversion of gumland and pakihi into farmland or housing sites. This species responds well to frequent fires and soon vanishes as vegetation gets taller

GENUS

Goebelobryum

FAMILY

Acrobolbaceae

AUTHORITY

Goebelobryum unguiculatum (Hook.f. et Taylor) Grolle

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FRUITING

Rarely seen in *G. unguiculatum* s.s., occasionally produced throughout the year by *G. aff. unguiculatum* (see notes below for taxonomy)

Where To Buy



Goebelobryum unguiculatum s.s. - note open habit, spreading leaves and prominent ciliate margins, Waikumete. Jul 2007. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Licence: CC BY.



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NVS CODE

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Threatened – Nationally Endangered | Qualifiers: SO

2004 | Threatened – Nationally Endangered

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/goebelobryum-unguiculatum/>

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