

# Gunnera monoica

## COMMON NAMES

Native gunnera

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## GENUS

Gunnera

## FAMILY

Gunneraceae

## AUTHORITY

Gunnera monoica Raoul

## SYNONYMS

*Gunnera albocarpa* (Kirk) Cockayne, *Gunnera monoica* var. *albocarpa* Kirk, *Gunnera strigosa* Colenso, *Gunnera monoica* var. *strigosa* (Colenso) Kirk

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Fleshy drupes are dispersed by frugivory and possibly ants (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**gunnera**: Named after Bishop Gunner, a Swedish botanist

**monoica**: One sexed

## NVS CODE

GUNMON

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 34



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Immature fruit. Tararua Forest Park. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 08/12/2007, Licence: CC BY.

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Endangered | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, PF, RR 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 | 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, M.J.; Dickinson, K.J.M.; Seddon, P.J. 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/gunnera-monoica/>

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