

Heteroscyphus argutus

COMMON NAMES

liverwort

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Non-vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Liverworts

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Kermadec Islands (Raoul Island): New Zealand: North Island (North Cape, Whiriwhiri Stream); Chatham Islands (Rekohu (Chatham Island)). Widespread through the high islands of the tropical Pacific and extending into Malesia.

HABITAT

Terricolous, saxicolous and lignicolous in dense coastal forest.

THREATS

Abundant on Raoul Island where it is the most common *Heteroscyphus* species present. Otherwise scarce in New Zealand proper where it is known from a small area on the banks of the Whiriwhiri Stream, North Cape, from Tuhua (Mayor Island) and from Rekohu (Chatham Island). The North Cape population is in a secure reserve, Tuhua (Mayor Island) is privately owned reserve, while the Chatham Island population is found within a protected covenant. The current distribution suggests that this species should be found elsewhere in northern New Zealand. Because *Heteroscyphus argutus* is so common on Raoul Island it has been listed as "At Risk/Naturally Uncommon" by the Threatened Bryophyte Panel (see Glenny et al. 2011).

GENUS

Heteroscyphus

FAMILY

Lophocoleaceae

AUTHORITY

Heteroscyphus argutus (Reinw., Blume et Nees) Schiffn.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

argutus: Sharp, sharp-toothed

NVS CODE

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Glenny, D.; Fife, A.J.; Brownsey, P.J.; Renner, M.A.M.; Braggins, J.E.; Beever, J.E.; Hitchmough, R. 2011: Threatened and uncommon bryophytes of New Zealand (2010 Revision). *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 49: 305-327. Glenny, D.S.;



Moumoukai, Raoul Island. May 2011.
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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/heteroscyphus-argutus/>

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