# Hydrocotyle moschata var. moschata

## COMMON NAMES
hairy pennywort

## BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

## CATEGORY
Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## GENUS
Hydrocotyle

## FAMILY
Araliaceae

## AUTHORITY
Hydrocotyle moschata G.Forst. var. moschata

## ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS
No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY
No



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## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL
Mericarps are dispersed by water and wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING
FAC: Facultative
Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## ETYMOLOGY
**hydrocotyle**: From the Greek hydor ‘water’ and cotyle ‘cup’, in reference to the cup-like hollow at the base if the leaf.
**moschata**: Musky

## NVS CODE
HYDMVM

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 48

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT 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.

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## MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hydrocotyle-moschata-var-moschata/

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