

# Kelleria dieffenbachii

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## GENUS

Kelleria

## FAMILY

Thymelaeaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Kelleria dieffenbachii* (Hook.) Endl.

## SYNONYMS

*Drapetes dieffenbachii* Hook., *Drapetes macrantha* Colenso

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Achenes are possibly wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**dieffenbachii**: Named after Dr. Ernst Dieffenbach, 19th century German naturalist

## NVS CODE

KELDIE

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 18

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

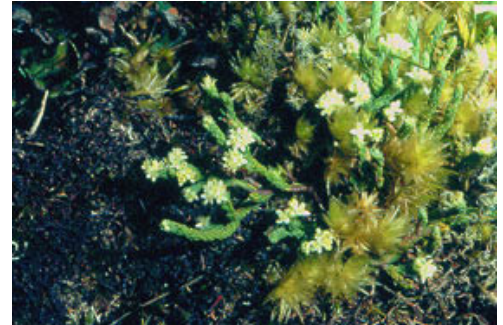
2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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Mt Te Moehau, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

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

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/kelleria-dieffenbachii/>

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