Linum monogynum var. monogynum

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
White, Yellow

GENUS
Linum

FAMILY
Linaceae

AUTHORITY
Linum monogynum G.Forst. var. monogynum

TAXONOMIC NOTES
Further research into the status of *Linum monogynum* var. *chathamicum* is needed. Whilst plants with bluish or blue striped flowers have been found in New Zealand proper, DNA data (Heenan et al. 2010) suggests that Chatham Island plants are distinct. Further research is needed, but until such time as this has been done it seems prudent to retain the Chatham Island *Linum* as distinct from New Zealand plants.

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

ETYMOLOGY
linum: Flax
monogynum: United styles

NVS CODE
LINMON

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 84

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Critical | 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 Threatened – Regionally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: CI, DPS, DPT, NStr, PF, RR 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

Heenan PB, Mitchell AD, de Lange PJ, Keeling J, Paterson AM. 2010. Late Cenozoic origin and diversification of Chatham Islands endemic plant species revealed by analyses of DNA sequence data. *New Zealand Journal of Botany 48*: 83–136. https://doi.org/10.1080/0028825X.2010.494337.

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/linum-monogynum-var-monogynum/

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