

Lobelia perpusilla

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: Sp

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: North and South Islands from the northern Waikato south.

GENUS

Lobelia

FAMILY

Campanulaceae

AUTHORITY

Lobelia perpusilla Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

Pratia perpusilla (Hook.f.) Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

lobelia: Named after Lobel, pioneer botanist

perpusilla: Tiny, very small

NVS CODE

LOBPER

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42



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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: Sp

2012 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: Sp

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, NStr, 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

[Duguid, F. 1976. North Island and South Island forms of *Pratia perpusilla*. Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin, 39: 45](#)

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lobelia-perpusilla/>

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