

Marsippospermum gracile

COMMON NAMES

alpine rush

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown

GENUS

Marsippospermum

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Marsippospermum gracile (Hook.f) Buchanan

SYNONYMS

Rostkovia gracilis Hook.f.; Juncus hookeridis Streid.; Rostkovia novae-zelandiae Buchanan; Marsippospermum gracile (Hook.f.) Buchanan. var novae-zealandiae (Buchanan) Buchanan

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ETYMOLOGY

gracile: Slender

NVS CODE

MARGRA



Gertrude saddle, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Pisa range, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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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.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/marsippospermum-gracile/>

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