

# Montia fontana subsp. fontana

## COMMON NAMES

blinks, blinkswater chickweed, dwarf montia

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## GENUS

Montia

## FAMILY

Montiaceae

## AUTHORITY

Montia fontana L. subsp. fontana

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

OBL: Obligate Wetland

Almost always is a hydrophyte, rarely in uplands (non-wetlands).

## ETYMOLOGY

**montia**: Named after the Italian botanist, Giuseppe Monti (1682-1760);

**fontana**: Growing in springs

## NVS CODE

MONFSF

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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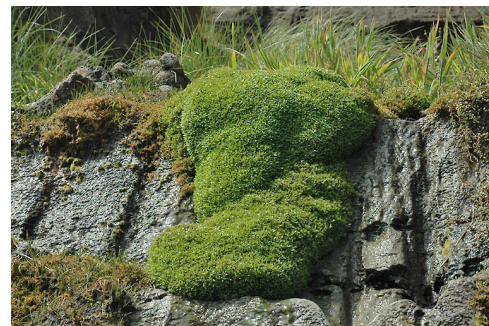
## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

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.



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#### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/montia-fontana-subsp-fontana/>

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