

# Muehlenbeckia complexa var. grandifolia

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: Sp, DPR, DPS, DPT

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## GENUS

Muehlenbeckia

## FAMILY

Polygonaceae

## AUTHORITY

Muehlenbeckia complexa var. grandifolia Carse

## TAXONOMIC NOTES

As currently circumscribed *Muehlenbeckia complexa* and *M. australis* remain highly variable species within which there may be cause to recognise additional taxa. Some of these have names. *Muehlenbeckia complexa* var. *grandifolia* is one of these, being regarded, increasingly, by New Zealand botanists as worthy of reinstatement. At the very least it deserves critical study, along with the other variants within *M. complexa* s.l., which include a distinct, large, and glossy-leaved, northern offshore island race, which is linked to var. *grandifolia* by its uniformly hairy stems.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ETYMOLOGY

**muehlenbeckia:** Named after a botanist named Muehlenbeck

**complexa:** Tangled

**grandifolia:** Big leaved

## NVS CODE

MUECVG

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: Sp, 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.



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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/muehlenbeckia-complexa-var-grandifolia/>

**PDF DATE**

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