

Myosotis lyallii subsp. elderi

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: Sp, DPR, DPS, DPT

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

See [Flora of New Zealand](#) for a description

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: North and South Islands - mostly easterly from the Tararua Ranges south

GENUS

Myosotis

FAMILY

Boraginaceae

AUTHORITY

Myosotis lyallii subsp. elderi (L.B.Moore) Meudt & Prebble

SYNONYMS

Myosotis elderi L.B. Moore

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

myosotis: Mouse-eared

lyallii: Named after David Lyall (1817-1895), 19th century Scottish naturalist and surgeon with the Royal Navy, who explored Antarctica, New Zealand, the Arctic and North America and was a lifelong friend of Sir Joseph Hooker.

NVS CODE

MYOLSE

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DP, Sp

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: De, DPR, NS, Sp, St, TL 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.



Myosotis elderi, Old Woman Range.
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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/myosotis-lyallii-subsp-elderi/>

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