

Myosotis venticola

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

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

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

DISTRIBUTION

New Zealand. South Island: Canterbury, Otago (St Bathans); Mackenzie (Lake Ōhau).

GENUS

Myosotis

FAMILY

Boraginaceae

AUTHORITY

Meudt & Prebble

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

Flowering January, fruiting January–February.

ETYMOLOGY

myosotis: Mouse-eared

venticola: The epithet venticola means ‘wind-dwelling’ or ‘inhabiting windy areas’ and comes from the Latin words ventus, meaning ‘wind’, and cola, meaning ‘dweller’. The epithet refers to the very windy alpine habitats in which plants of this species occur, and is a tribute to the formidable gales we encountered when collecting specimens of it in the Dunstan Mountains.

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

Unknown

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Critical | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, NR, NS, NStr, Sp, 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.



In alpine herbfield, St Bathans Otago.
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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Meudt, H. M., & Prebble, J. M. 2022. Morphological analyses support recognition of three new threatened species of bracteate–prostrate *Myosotis* (Boraginaceae) endemic to the South Island of Aotearoa New Zealand. *Australian Systematic Botany*, 35(5), 364-394.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/myosotis-venticola/>

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