Nertera ciliata

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
Yellow

SIMILAR TAXA
Can be distinguished from Nertera depressa by its lack of a discernable smell when the leaves are crushed. Nertera depressa leaves smell like Coprosma foetidissima when they're crushed (P. de Lange, 14 January 2014).



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DISTRIBUTION
Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands, from Mt Pirongia south

GENUS
Nertera

FAMILY
Rubiaceae

AUTHORITY
Nertera ciliata Kirk

SYNONYMS
Coprosma patrickii Heads

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).

ETYMOLOGY
nertera: Lowly, low growing
ciliata: From the Latin cilia 'eyelash', meaning fringed with hairs

NVS CODE
NERCIL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 44

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

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/nertera-ciliata/

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