

# Ourisia caespitosa

## COMMON NAMES

creeping mountain foxglove

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands

## GENUS

Ourisia

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Ourisia caespitosa* Hook.f.

## SYNONYMS

*Ourisia caespitosa* Hook.f. var. *caespitosa*, *Ourisia caespitosa* var. *gracilis* Hook.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult - should not be removed from the wild.

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

## ETYMOLOGY

**ourisia:** After Ouris, governor of the Falkland Islands

**caespitosa:** From the Latin *caespes* 'tuft' or 'sod of turf', meaning growing in tufts or patches

## NVS CODE

OURCAE

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48



*Ourisia caespitosa* growth habit. Photographer: Heidi Meudt, Licence: All rights reserved.



*Ourisia caespitosa* close up of flower. Photographer: Heidi Meudt, Licence: All rights reserved.

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

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.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ourisia-caespitosa/>

## PDF DATE

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