Parapolystichum glabellum

COMMON NAMES
smooth shield fern

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

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

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CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Ferns

FLOWER COLOURS
No flowers

GENUS
Parapolystichum

FAMILY
Dryopteridaceae

AUTHORITY
Parapolystichum glabellum (A. Cunn.) Labiak, Sundue & R. C. Moran

SYNONYMS
Ctenitis glabella (A.Cunn.) Copel.; Nephrodium decompositum var. glabellum (A.Cunn.) Hook.f.; Lastrea glabella (A.Cunn.) Houlston et T.Moore; Nephrodium glabellum A.Cunn.; Nephrodium decompositum var. microphyllum Hook.; Aspidium glabellum (A.Cunn.) E.J.Lowe; Dryopteris glabella (A.Cunn.) C.Chr., Lastreopsis glabella (A. Cunn.) Tindale

TAXONOMIC NOTES
In 2015 *Lastreopsis glabella* was transferred to *Parapolystichum*, as *P. glabellum* Labiak et al. (2015).

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

ETYMOLOGY
glabellum: Hairless

NVS CODE
PARGLA

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 164

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

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

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT 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.
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.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Labiak PH, Sundue M, Rouhan G, Moran RC. 2015. New combinations in *Lastreopsis* and *Parapolystichum* (Dryopteridaceae). *Brittonia 67*: 79–86.

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/parapolystichum-glabellum/

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