## Pentachondra pumila

SYNONYMS Epacris pumila J.R.Forst. et G.Forst

**FAMILY** Ericaceae

**AUTHORITY** Pentachondra pumila (J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.) R.Br.

FLORA CATEGORY Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS No

ENDEMIC FAMILY No

STRUCTURAL CLASS Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

NVS CODE PENPUM

CHROMOSOME NUMBER 2n = 52

**CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS** 2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## **PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES**

2012 | Not Threatened 2009 | Not Threatened 2004 | Not Threatened

## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Very low growing patches to 0.5m wide with many very small hard bluegreen leaves that have a finely hairy edge (lens needed) and red fruit inhabiting upland areas. New growth reddish. Leaves 3-5mm long by 1-2mm wide, blunt tipped. Flowers white, tubular.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (nonwetlands).

FLOWER COLOURS White

ETYMOLOGY pentachondra: Five lobes pumila: Small

**MORE INFORMATION** https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pentachondra-pumila/





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