

# Pentachondra pumila

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

## SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Very low growing patches to 0.5m wide with many very small hard blue-green 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.

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## GENUS

Pentachondra

## FAMILY

Ericaceae

## AUTHORITY

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

## SYNONYMS

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

## 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

**pentachondra:** Five lobes

**pumila:** Small

## NVS CODE

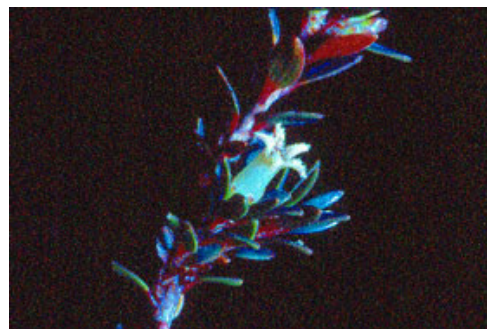
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## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 52



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## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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/pentachondra-pumila/>

## PDF DATE

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