

# Phyllachne colensoi

## BIOSTATUS

Native

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## GENUS

Phyllachne

## FAMILY

Stylidiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Phyllachne colensoi* (Hook.f.) Berggr.

## SYNONYMS

*Forstera clavigera* Hook.f. pro parte, *Helophyllum colensoi* Hook.f.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## 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

**phyllachne**: Chaff-like leaves

**colensoi**: Named after William Colenso (7 November 1811 - 10 February 1899) who was a Cornish Christian missionary to New Zealand, and also a printer, botanist, explorer and politician.

## NVS CODE

PHYCOL

## 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/phyllachne-colensoi/>

## **PDF DATE**

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