

Plantago triandra

COMMON NAMES

Glossy plantain, starweed

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

GENUS

Plantago

FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

AUTHORITY

Plantago triandra Berggr.

SYNONYMS

Plantago triandra Berggr. subsp. triandra, Plantago hamiltonii Kirk;
Plantago masoniae Cheeseman; Plantago triandra subsp. masoniae
(Cheeseman) Sykes

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

ETYMOLOGY

plantago: Old Latin name for flat-leaved plants

triandra: With three anthers

NVS CODE

PLATRI

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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Plantago triandra, Ahuriri Valley. Photographer: John Barkla, Licence: CC BY.

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/plantago-triandra/>

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