

Raoulia australis

COMMON NAMES

common scabweed

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

SIMILAR TAXA

Raoulia hookeri

HABITAT

Drylands, riverbeds, coastal sand dunes

THREATS

Habitat loss and modification through weed invasion and agricultural development (particularly irrigation and fertilisation of dryland habitats).

Coastal erosion.

GENUS

Raoulia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Raoulia australis Hook.f. ex Raoul

SYNONYMS

Raoulia australis var. *lutescens* Kirk, *Raoulia lutescens* (Kirk) Beauverd

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

raoulia: Named after Étienne Fiacre Louis Raoul (23 July 1815–30 March 1852) who was a French naval surgeon and naturalist. He published a book *Choix de plantes de la Nouvelle-Zélande* ("Selected plants of New Zealand") in 1846. The genus was named after him by Joseph Hooker.

australis: Southern

NVS CODE

RAOAUS



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Tops, Swale Stream, Clarence catchment. Photographer: Simon Moore, Licence: CC BY-SA.

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 56, 112

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Declining | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, NR, NStr 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/raoulia-australis/>

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