Raoulia bryoides

COMMON NAMES
Vegetable sheep

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS
White

SIMILAR TAXA
Could be confused with the other vegetable sheep such as *Raoulia eximia*, *R. mammilaris*.

HABITAT
Alpine boulderfields, fellfield

GENUS
Raoulia

FAMILY
Asteraceae

AUTHORITY
Raoulia bryoides Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

WHERE TO BUY
Not commercially available



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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.
bryoides: Moss-like

NVS CODE
RAOBRY

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 28

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/raoulia-bryoides/

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