

# Raoulia bryoides

## COMMON NAMES

Vegetable sheep

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## 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

## 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



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## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## MORE INFORMATION

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

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