

Samolus repens var. repens

COMMON NAME

Sea primrose, shore pimpernel, water pimpernel

SYNONYMS

Samolus repens (J.R.Forst. et G.Forst.) Pers.

FAMILY

Primulaceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 52

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS

White

ETYMOLOGY

samolus: Pig-food

repens: From Latin *reperere* meaning to creep, means creeping

TAXONOMIC NOTES

The familial relationships of *Samolus* are unclear. The genus has variously been placed in the monotypic family Samolaceae, a broadened circumscription of Theophrastaceae, and Primulaceae. Here we follow the treatment in APG III, which recognises a broadened circumscription of Primulaceae that includes Theophrastaceae and Samolaceae.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Angiosperm Phylogeny Group 2009. An update of the Angiosperm Phylogeny Group classification for the orders and families of flowering plants: APG III. *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* 161: 105-121

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/samolus-repens-var-repens/>



Samolus repens var *repens*. Photographer: John Sawyer



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