

Syrrhopodon armatus

COMMON NAMES

moss

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2025 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, SO

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CATEGORY

Non-vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Mosses

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Plants small, pale white- or brown-green, forming tufts or sparse turves. Stems simple or sparsely forked, from

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Kermadec Islands: Raoul Island, Dayrell Island. New Zealand: North Island (Te Pahi to Pauanui) and Chatham Islands (Rekohu and Rabbit Islands)

HABITAT

Saxicolous, corticolous or rarely terricolous. Coastal. Usually on the shaded trunks or root mats of pohutukawa (*Metrosideros excelsa* and *M. kermadecensis*), near the base of tree fern trunks or on rotting *Astelia* bases. Also on shaded rock. Sometimes on shaded soil especially near petrel or shearwater burrows on offshore islands

GENUS

Syrrhopodon

FAMILY

Calymperaceae

AUTHORITY

Syrrhopodon armatus Mitt.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

N.A. - spore producing

FRUITING

N.A. - spore producing

ETYMOLOGY

armatus: Equipped, armed

NVS CODE

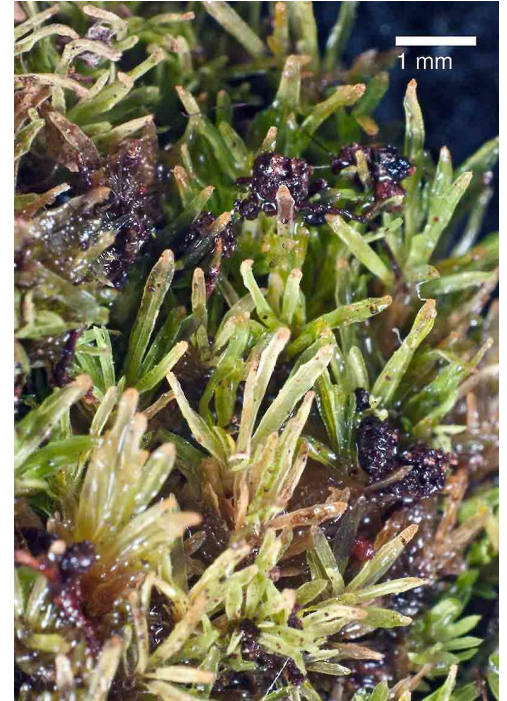
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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2014 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, SO

2010 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, SO

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