

Usnea capillacea

COMMON NAMES

Mist lichen

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2018 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

CATEGORY

Lichen

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lichens - Fruticose

LICHEN SUBSTRATE

Corticolous (bark, wood)

SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Corticolous

GENUS

Usnea

FAMILY

Parmeliaceae

AUTHORITY

Usnea capillacea Motyka

SYNONYMS

Usnea articulata sensu Galloway (2007)

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

Usnea articulata does not exist in NZ or Australia, as suggested by Galloway (2007). *Usnea capillacea* is not a synonym of *U. articulata*, but represents the entity in New Zealand (see Bannister et al. 2023).

ETYMOLOGY

capillacea: From the Latin capillus 'hair' or 'thread', meaning hair-like or thread-like

NVS CODE

USNCAP

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/usnea-capillacea/>



