

Veronica ciliolata subsp. ciliolata

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

White

GENUS

Veronica

FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

AUTHORITY

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SYNONYMS

Pygmaea ciliolata Hook.f., *Pygmaea ciliolata* Hook.f. var. *ciliolata*, *Pygmaea ciliolata* var. *pumila* Ashwin; *Veronica ciliolata* (Hook.f.) Garn.-Jones var. *ciliolata*; *Veronica ciliolata* var. *pumila* (Ashwin) Garn.-Jones
Chionohebe ciliolata (Hook.f.) B.G.Briggs et Ehrend. subsp. *ciliolata*

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

veronica: Named after Saint Veronica, who gave Jesus her veil to wipe his brow as he carried the cross through Jerusalem, perhaps because the common name of this plant is 'speedwell'. The name Veronica is often believed to derive from the Latin *vera* 'truth' and *iconica* 'image', but it is actually derived from the Macedonian name Berenice which means 'bearer of victory'.

ciliolata: With little cilia (hairs)

NVS CODE

VERCSC

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, NStr, NStr, Sp Help
The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the “Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025” Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/veronica-ciliolata-subsp-ciliolata/>

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