Veronica ciliolata subsp. fiordensis

COMMON NAMES
cushion hebe

BIOSTATUS
Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: Sp, DPS, DPT, RR, SO
Jump to previous conservation statuses

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CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS
White

GENUS
Veronica

FAMILY
Plantaginaceae

AUTHORITY
Veronica ciliolata subsp. fiordensis (Ashwin) Meudt

SYNONYMS
Pygmaea ciliolata var. fiordensis Ashwin; Chionohebe ciliolata subsp. fiordensis de Lange et A.Mark, Veronica ciliolata var. fiordensis (Ashwin) Garn.-Jones

ENDEMIC TAXON
No

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
VERCSF

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, RR, SO, Sp
2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR, SO, Sp
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, NR, NS, 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.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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