

Viola cunninghamii

COMMON NAME

mountain violet, white violet

FAMILY

Violaceae

AUTHORITY

Viola cunninghamii Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

VIOCUN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands in montane areas from East Cape and Central Volcanic Plateau south

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

ETYMOLOGY

cunninghamii: Named after Allan Cunningham (1791–1839) who was an English botanist and explorer, primarily known for his travels to Australia (New South Wales) and New Zealand to collect plants. Author of *Florae Insularum Novae Zelandiae Precursor*, 1837–40 (Introduction to the flora of New Zealand).

WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally available from specialist native plant nurseries.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/viola-cunninghamii/>



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