

Viola lyallii

COMMON NAME

haaka, New Zealand native violet

FAMILY

Violaceae

AUTHORITY

Viola lyallii Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

VIOLYA

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and South Islands - uncommon north of the Waikato

HABITAT

An abundant species of coastal, lowland and montane to subalpine wetlands, swamps, bogs and mires. Also in wet places within riparian forest. Most common in lowland to montane wetlands.

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

ETYMOLOGY

lyallii: Named after David Lyall (1817-1895), 19th century Scottish naturalist and surgeon with the Royal Navy, who explored Antarctica, New Zealand, the Arctic and North America and was a lifelong friend of Sir Joseph Hooker.

MORE INFORMATION

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



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