

Mazus novaezeelandiae subsp. novaezeelandiae

COMMON NAMES

dwarf musk

FAMILY

Mazaceae

AUTHORITY

Mazus novaezeelandiae W.R.Barker subsp. *novaezeelandiae*

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 38

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

2009 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

2004 | Serious Decline

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic to New Zealand.

HABITAT

This taxon prefers lowland, wet, sometimes swampy forest, pasture and is occasionally found on forest margins.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

A perennial, creeping herb forming compact, leafy rosettes, leaves spoon-shaped, dark green to yellow-green 20–75 mm long. The margins of the leaves may be pigmented brown. The erect inflorescence is often held well above the foliage and may bear from 1 to 5 Mimulus-like flowers, these are white with a yellow throat.

SIMILAR TAXA

Mazus pumilio which has blue or lilac flowers and a finely toothed leaf margin. This predominantly Australian species is known in New Zealand from only one site in Northland, but is now sold by many garden centres as *M. novaezeelandiae*.

FLOWERING

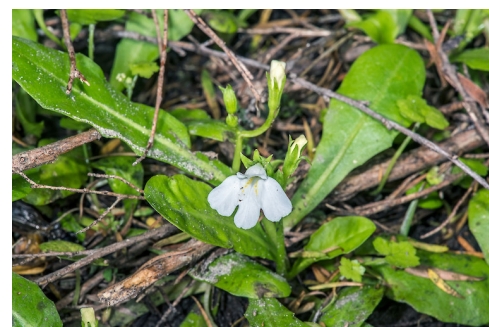
Flowering occurs in November.

FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow



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FRUITING

Fruiting capsules are found from December to April.

THREATS

Very susceptible to disturbance, habitat clearance and modification including stock trampling.

ETYMOLOGY

mazus: Tear (after protuberance on throat of flower)

novaezeelandiae: Of New Zealand

ATTRIBUTION

Fact Sheet prepared for NZPCN by P.J. de Lange (30 August 2003). For more information see Heenan (1998)

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heenan, P. B. 1998: *Mazus novaezeelandiae* (Scrophulariaceae): taxonomy, distribution, habitats, and conservation. *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 36(3): 407-416.

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