

Azorella allanii

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, RR

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Hairless creeping herb forming diffuse patches up to 30 cm diameter. Stems creeping, branched, rooting freely at nodes. Leaves confined to nodes. Leaf stalks slender 5-10(-15) cm long. Leaves 2-3 cm diameter, pale green, somewhat leathery, deeply 3-lobed or completely trifoliolate, lobes obtuse, margins only very slightly thickened or recurved and irregularly lobed or crenulate (like a pie crust) towards apex. Inflorescence an umbel 15 mm diameter, borne on slender, 10 cm long, occasionally branched stalk (peduncle). Flowers 8-12 on unequal pedicels 5-10 mm long, subtending floral bracts (involucral bracts) linear acute to acuminate. Fruit 2.5 mm long, 4-angled, deeply furrowed, mericarps distinctly to obscurely 5-ribbed.

SIMILAR TAXA

Closest to *Schizeilema colensoi* but distinguished from that species by the leaf margins being scarcely recurved or thickened, and by the pedicels being > 3 times the length of the fruit.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island, known from the eastern ranges. With certainty from the Raukumara and the Ruahine Range but it is probably elsewhere.

HABITAT

Montane to subalpine. In shrubland and open ground.

THREATS

Described in 1923, the species has always been considered uncommon. Very little is known about its exact status in the wild, and this is why it has been listed as Data Deficient.

GENUS

Azorella

FAMILY

Apiaceae

AUTHORITY

Azorella allanii (Cheeseman) G. M. Plunkett et A. N. Nicolas

SYNONYMS

Schizeilema allanii Petrie nom. illeg.; *Schizeilema allanii* Cheeseman

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

No information available

FRUITING

No information available

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

No information available.

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

ETYMOLOGY

allanii: After Dr Harry Howard Barton Allan C.B.E. (1882–1957) one time school teacher, then first director of DSIR Botany Division, and 'sole' author of Flora I, the first in the former DSIR Botany Division flora series.

NVS CODE

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, RR

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2004 | Data Deficient

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