

# Veronica pulvinaris

## SYNONYMS

Pygmaea pulvinaris Hook.f., Chionohebe pulvinaris (Hook.f.) B.G.Briggs et Ehrend.

## FAMILY

Plantaginaceae

## AUTHORITY

Veronica pulvinaris (Hook.f.) Cheeseman

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

CHIPUL

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are dispersed by ballistic projection, wind and water (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## 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'.

**pulvinaris:** From the Latin pulvinar 'a cushion' and -aris 'resembling', meaning resembling a cushion i.e. convex or or rather flattened

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 11: 285-309



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