

# Asperula perpusilla

## COMMON NAME

Dwarf bedstraw

## SYNONYMS

*Galium perpusillum* (Hook.f.) Allan

## FAMILY

Rubiaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Asperula perpusilla* Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

GALPER

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 88

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## LIFE CYCLE

Mericarps are dispersed by attachment and possibly also wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**asperula:** From the Greek asper 'rough' referring to the leaves

**perpusilla:** Tiny, very small

## 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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<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/asperula-perpusilla/>