

Hydrocotyle moschata var. parvifolia

FAMILY

Araliaceae

AUTHORITY

Hydrocotyle moschata var. *parvifolia* Carse

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and South Islands - but uncommon in the South Island and found there mainly in the north.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

LIFE CYCLE

Mericarps are dispersed by water and wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

ETYMOLOGY

hydrocotyle: From the Greek hydor 'water' and cotyle 'cup', in reference to the cup-like hollow at the base of the leaf.

moschata: Musky

EXTRA INFORMATION

Try this handy [Small-leaved Hydrocotyle Identification Guide](#) put together by Chris Ecroyd for our July 2022 issue of *Trilepidea* (p. 5)

NOTES ON TAXONOMY

Often found growing sympatric with *H. moschata* var. *moschata* and it should perhaps be regarded as a distinct species. The status of *Hydrocotyle laciniata* Kirk in relation to this variety needs further study.



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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

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hydrocotyle-moschata-var-parvifolia/>