

Cardamine heleniae

COMMON NAME

cress

FAMILY

Brassicaceae

AUTHORITY

Cardamine heleniae Heenan

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Forming small rosettes on bare soil or in garden pots; strigose-hairy leaves. At first sight, it resembles a hairy form of *C. corymbosa*.

DISTRIBUTION

Scattered records, mostly in disturbed sites. Its small size means it is probably under-recorded to date.

HABITAT

Disturbed sites—garden pots, earth paths.

SIMILAR TAXA

Cardamine corymbosa, but the leaves of *C. heleniae* are conspicuously hairy.

FLOWER COLOURS

White

LIFE CYCLE

Prolific seeder and establishes freely; it has considerable weed potential.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Seed

ETYMOLOGY

cardamine: From the Greek name kárdamon, referring to an Indian spice

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heenan PB. 2017. A taxonomic revision of *Cardamine* L. (Brassicaceae) in New Zealand. *Phytotaxa* 330(1): 1–154. <https://doi.org/10.11646/phytotaxa.330.1>.



Fruiting plant self-established in garden pot, St John's Hill, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 19/01/2018, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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