

Celmisia allanii

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Celmisia allanii W.Martin

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

FLOWER COLOURS

White

ETYMOLOGY

celmisia: Apparently named after Kelmis, one of Idaean Dactyls, a group of skilled mythical beings associated with the Mother Goddess Rhea in Greek mythology. Kelmis, whose name means 'casting', was a blacksmith and childhood friend of Zeus, son of Rhea and later king of the gods. In Ovid's 'Metamorphoses', Kelmis is described as offending Zeus who turned him into adamant so he was as hard as a tempered blade

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.

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Some botanists regard *Celmisia allanii* as part of the natural variation within *Celmisia incana*. However, this unpublished concept has yet to be formally tested. Until such time as it is, it seems prudent to retain the species. The New Zealand representatives of the genus *Celmisia* are long overdue for a thorough, modern, taxonomic treatment.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/celmisia-allanii/>



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