

# Cotula australis

## COMMON NAME

common cotula, soldier's button

## SYNONYMS

*Cotula venosa* Colenso

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Cotula australis* (Spreng.) Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

## NVS CODE

COTAUS

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 36

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

## LIFE CYCLE

Winged cypselae are dispersed by water, attachment and wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## ETYMOLOGY

**cotula**: Little cup, from the Greek kotule (small cup), referring to the cupped area at the base of the leaves

**australis**: Southern

## 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/cotula-australis/>



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