

# Dichondra brevifolia

## COMMON NAME

dichondra

## SYNONYMS

None

## FAMILY

Convolvulaceae

## AUTHORITY

Dichondra brevifolia Buchanan

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

DICBRE

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 30

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Probably endemic. Three Kings, North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## LIFE CYCLE

Seeds are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and/or rooted pieces. Does best in fertile, damp soil within a sunny place. An excellent turf plant, ideal for bowling greens and high impact lawns overlying poorly drained lawns



Tongariro, November. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Whanganui, in mown lawn. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 01/01/2012, Licence: CC BY-NC.

## ETYMOLOGY

**dichondra:** Two seeds

**brevifolia:** Short-leaved

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

## TAXONOMIC NOTES

Rather variable with several well marked races which probably warrant taxonomic recognition.

## 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/dichondra-brevifolia/>