

Hydrocotyle dissecta

COMMON NAME

pennywort

FAMILY

Araliaceae

AUTHORITY

Hydrocotyle dissecta Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

HYDDIS

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Red/Pink

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.

dissecta: Dissected

EXTRA INFORMATION

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



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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/hydrocotyle-dissecta/>