

Kelleria laxa

SYNONYMS

Drapetes dieffenbachii var. *laxa* Cheeseman, *Drapetes laxus* (Cheeseman) Allan

FAMILY

Thymelaeaceae

AUTHORITY

Kelleria laxa (Cheeseman) Heads

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

KELLAX

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 18

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand, North and South Islands

FLOWER COLOURS

White

ETYMOLOGY

laxa: Slack, loose

Taxonomic Notes

Kelleria laxa had been treated as indigenous by Heads (1990) because he regarded plants found in Victoria, Australia as conspecific. Marks & Walsh (2014) revisited the status of the Australian *K. laxa* plants and showed that they comprised another species endemic to Victoria which they named *K. bogongensis* Marks.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Heads, M.J. 1990: A revision of the genera *Kelleria* and *Drapetes* (Thymelaeaceae). *Australian Systematic Botany* 3: 595-652.

Marks, C.; Walsh, N. 2014: Taxonomic reassessment of *Kelleria* (Thymelaeaceae) in Australia and recognition of a new endemic Victorian species. *Muelleria* 33: 3-11



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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/kelleria-laxa/>