

# Lepidium oligodontum

## COMMON NAME

scurvy grass

## SYNONYMS

None (first described in 2013)

## FAMILY

Brassicaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Lepidium oligodontum* de Lange et Heenan

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

LEPOLI

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: CD, EF, RR

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Threatened – Nationally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DP, EF, RR

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Chatham and Antipodes Islands

## FLOWER COLOURS

White

## ETYMOLOGY

**lepidium:** Scale-shaped (pods)

**oligodontum:** The epithet 'oligodontum' means 'few teeth' and refers to the leaves of this species which may be deeply toothed, sparingly toothed near the apex or entire, sometimes with all three conditions on the same plant (see de Lange et al. 2013).

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

de Lange, P.J.; Heenan, P.B.; Houliston, G.; Rolfe, J.R.; Mitchell, A.D. 2013: *New Lepidium* (Brassicaceae) from New Zealand. *Phytokeys* 24:1-147pp. doi: [10.3897/phytokeys.24.4375](https://doi.org/10.3897/phytokeys.24.4375).

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/lepidium-oligodontum/>



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