

# Muehlenbeckia complexa var. grandifolia

## FAMILY

Polygonaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Muehlenbeckia complexa* var. *grandifolia* Carse

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Lianes & Related Trailing Plants - Dicotyledons

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

## ETYMOLOGY

**muehlenbeckia:** Named after a botanist named Muehlenbeck

**complexa:** Tangled

**grandifolia:** Big leaved

## NOTES ON TAXONOMY

As currently circumscribed *Muehlenbeckia complexa* and *M. australis* remain highly variable species within which there may be cause to recognise additional taxa. Some of these have names. *Muehlenbeckia complexa* var. *grandifolia* is one of these, being regarded, increasingly, by New Zealand botanists as worthy of reinstatement. At the very least it deserves critical study, along with the other variants within *M. complexa* s.l., which include a distinct, large, and glossy-leaved, northern offshore island race, which is linked to var. *grandifolia* by its uniformly hairy stems.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/muehlenbeckia-complexa-var-grandifolia/>



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