

# Viola lyallii

## COMMON NAME

haaka, New Zealand native violet

## FAMILY

Violaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Viola lyallii* Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

## NVS CODE

VIOLYA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and South Islands - uncommon north of the Waikato

## HABITAT

An abundant species of coastal, lowland and montane to subalpine wetlands, swamps, bogs and mires. Also in wet places within riparian forest. Most common in lowland to montane wetlands.

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

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

## FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, White

## ETYMOLOGY

**lyallii**: Named after David Lyall (1817-1895), 19th century Scottish naturalist and surgeon with the Royal Navy, who explored Antarctica, New Zealand, the Arctic and North America and was a lifelong friend of Sir Joseph Hooker.

## MORE INFORMATION



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