



Anogramma leptophylla

Common Name(s):

Jersey fern, Annual fern

Current Threat Status (2012):

Threatened - Nationally Vulnerable

Distribution:

Indigenous. In New Zealand known from Northland to Southland - easterly in its distribution. Also known from Australia, South America, Africa, India and Europe.

Habitat:

Clay banks, rock faces and alluvial banks.

Features*:

Diminutive, tufted, winter dormant, early spring to mid summer-green fern, which dries off by mid to late summer, appearing dead. Rhizomes small, hairy. Stipes red-brown, glabrous. Fronds 10-60 mm long, ovate or narrowly ovate, 2-3-pinnate, 8-50 x 7-30 mm, pale green or yellow-green, somewhat membraneous and delicate, glabrous. Sterile fronds smaller than fertile, appearing first. Ultimate frond divisions fan-shaped and deeply notched. Sori near tips of pinnae, one per segment.

Flowering:

Not applicable - spore producing

Fruiting:

Not applicable - spore producing

Threats:

This species is mainly threatened through habitat loss through competition from weeds, and by the removal of surrounding vegetation.

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References and further reading:

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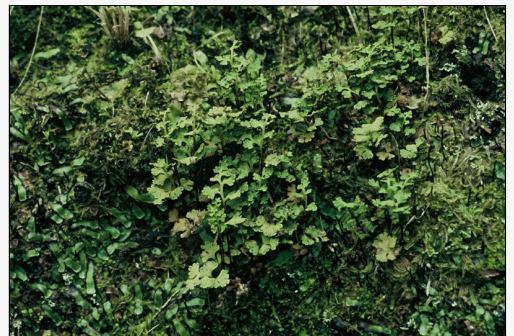
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Caption: Mangatoetoe Stream, Palliser Bay.

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Caption: Kumeru pit, Mt Wellington
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