



## *Hydrocotyle bowlesioides*

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Exotic

### **Features:**

Perennial herb forming large patches; stems slender, creeping, rooting at nodes, densely hairy. Tap-roots swollen, fleshy. Leaves simple, green, paler beneath, densely white hairy above and below, 0.2–5 cm diam., roundish reniform with a wide sinus at the base, the margins shallowly 5–7-lobed, the lobes obtusely triangular to crenate. Petiole slender, 0.2–20 cm long, with white hairs, especially above. Umbels simple, with 2–16 flowers, peduncles 3–15 mm long, axillary, slender. Flowers subsessile or very shortly pedicellate. Petals white with pink fringe on outer edge. Fruits minutely hispid or slightly granular, ellipsoid, about 1.5 mm wide, 1.1 mm long, styles persistent, stylopodium usually slightly depressed. Mature dry fruit has acute dorsal edges and raised ribs.

### **For more information, visit:**

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=4343](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=4343)



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