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New Zealand Earthworms

Data Deficient

Taxa that are suspected to be threatened, or in some instances, possibly extinct but are not definitely known to belong to any particular category due to a lack of current information about their distribution and abundance. It is hoped that listing such taxa will stimulate research to find out the true category or threat (for a fuller definition see Townsend et al. 2008).

Name	Authority	Family
<i>Decachaetus minor</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Decachaetus violaceus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Deinodrilus agilis</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Deinodrilus benhami</i>	Beddard, 1889	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Deinodrilus lateralis</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Deinodrilus montanus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Deinodrilus parvus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Deinodrilus suteri</i>	Benham, 1906	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Diporochaeta aquatica</i>	Benham, 1903	Megascolecidae
<i>Diporochaeta caswelli</i>	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
<i>Diporochaeta intermedia</i>	Beddard, 1888	Megascolecidae
<i>Eodrilus annectens</i>	Beddard, 1889	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Eodrilus micros</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Eodrilus montanus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Eodrilus pallidus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Eodrilus parvus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Eodrilus rossi</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Eudinodriloides forsteri</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina pallida</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina polycystis</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina robusta</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina rossii</i>	Benham, 1903	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina rubra</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina spirilla</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Hoplochaetina subtilis</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Leucodrilus fuscus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Leucodrilus robustus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus alpinus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus fuscus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus gravus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus megacystis</i>	Benham, 1919	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus michaelsoni</i>	Ude, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus minor</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus modestus</i>	Michaelson, 1910	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus montanus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus nelsoni</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus pallidus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus purus</i>	Ude, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus rubicundus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus smithi</i>	Beddard, 1892	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus suteri</i>	Michaelson, 1922	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Maoridrilus ultimus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Megascolex animae</i>	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
<i>Megascolides albus</i>	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae





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Megascolides esculentus	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Megascolides fuscus	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Megascolides huttoni	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Megascolides kirki	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Megascolides mortenseni	Michaelsen, 1923	Megascolecidae
Megascolides napierensis	Benham, 1941	Megascolecidae
Megascolides neglectus	Cognetti de Martiis, 1909	Megascolecidae
Megascolides parvus	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Megascolides raglan	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Megascolides reptans	Ude, 1905	Megascolecidae
Megascolides sapidus	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Megascolides unipapillatus	Ude, 1905	Megascolecidae
Megascolides urewerae	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Megascolides viridis	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Microscolex campbellianus	Benham, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
Microscolex phosphoreus	Dugès, 1837	Acanthodrilidae
Neochaeta salmoni	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Neodrilus campestris	Hutton, 1877	Acanthodrilidae
Neodrilus polycystis	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Notoscolex hakeaphilus	Benham, 1949	Megascolecidae
Octochaetus antarcticus	Beddard, 1889	Acanthodrilidae
Octochaetus pelorus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Octochaetus ravus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Octochaetus sylvestris	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Octochaetus tricystis	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Perieodrilus lateralis	Benham, 1903	Acanthodrilidae
Perieodrilus montanus	Benham, 1903	Acanthodrilidae
Perionyx egmonti	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Plagiochaeta lineata	Hutton, 1877	Acanthodrilidae
Plagiochaeta stewartensis	Michaelsen, 1923	Acanthodrilidae
Plutellus parvus	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
Pontodrilus lacustris	Benham, 1903	Megascolecidae
Rhododrilus agathis	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus aquaticus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus attenuatus	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus besti	Benham, 1904	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus disparatus	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus dobsoni	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus edulis	Benham, 1904	Acanthodrilidae

At Risk

Taxa that meet the criteria specified by Townsend et al. (2008) for Declining, Recovering, Relict and Naturally Uncommon. Declining (1)
Taxa that do not qualify as 'Threatened' because they are buffered by large population size and/or a slower rate of decline than the trigger points.

Name	Authority	Family
Rhododrilus intermedius	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus microgaster	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus minutus	Beddard, 1889	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus papaensis	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus parvus	Benham, 1906	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus rosae	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus sexpapillatus	Dyne, 1980	Acanthodrilidae
Rhododrilus sutherlandi	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae





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Spenceriella argillae	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
Spenceriella pallida	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
Sylovodrilus gravus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus felix	Boyer, Blakemore & Wratten 2014	Acanthodrilidae
Octochaetus kenleei	Boyer, Blakemore & Wratten 2014	Acanthodrilidae
Aporodrilus aotea	Blakemore, 2011	Megascolecidae
Aporodrilus ponga	Blakemore, 2011	Megascolecidae
Notoscolex repanga	Blakemore, 2011	Megascolecidae

Naturally Uncommon

Taxa whose distribution is confined to a specific geographical area or which occur within naturally small and widely scattered populations, where this distribution is not the result of human disturbance.

Name	Authority	Family
Acanthodrilus kermadecensis	Lee, 1953	Acanthodrilidae
Diporochaeta brachysoma	Benham, 1909	Megascolecidae
Diporochaeta chathamensis	Benham, 1901	Megascolecidae
Diporochaeta duodecimalis	Michaelsen, 1923	Megascolecidae
Diporochaeta heterochaeta	Benham, 1909	Megascolecidae
Diporochaeta minima	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
Eodrilus fallax	Benham, 1909	Acanthodrilidae
Eodrilus haplocystis	Benham, 1901	Acanthodrilidae
Hoplochaetina durvilleana	Benham, 1919	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus plumbeus	Beddard, 1895	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus tetragonurus	Michaelsen, 1899	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus volutus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Megascolides equestris	Benham, 1942	Megascolecidae
Megascolides ruber	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Megascolides rubicundus	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
Deinodrilus gracilis	Ude, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
Deinodrilus kanieriensis	Benham, 1945	Acanthodrilidae
Dinodriloides beddardi	Benham, 1904	Acanthodrilidae
Diporochaeta obtusa	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Diporochaeta punctata	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
Eodrilus paludosus	Beddard, 1892	Acanthodrilidae
Leucodrilus digitocystis	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus carnosus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus dissimilis	Beddard, 1885	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus parkeri	Beddard, 1895	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus ruber	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus transalpinus	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus uliginosus	Hutton, 1877	Acanthodrilidae
Maoridrilus wilkini	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
Megascolex novae-zealandiae	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Megascolides irregularis	Lee, 1952	Megascolecidae
Megascolides maoricus	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Megascolides suteri	Benham, 1904	Megascolecidae
Microscolex aucklandicus	Benham, 1903	Acanthodrilidae
Neochaeta forsteri	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae

Not Threatened

Resident native taxa that have large, stable populations.





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<i>Megascolides tasmani</i>	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
<i>Neodrilus dissimilis</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Octochaetus kapitiensis</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Perieodrilus plunketi</i>	(Benham, 1909)	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Perieodrilus ricardi</i>	(Benham, 1903)	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Perionyx helophilus</i>	(Benham, 1909)	Megascolecidae
<i>Perionyx perionychopsis</i>	(Benham, 1909)	Megascolecidae
<i>Perionyx shoeanus</i>	Cognetti de Martiis, 1912	Megascolecidae
<i>Plutellus aucklandicus</i>	Benham, 1909	Megascolecidae
<i>Pontodrilus litoralis</i>	Grube, 1855	Megascolecidae
<i>Rhododrilus huttoni</i>	(Benham, 1901)	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus insularis</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus kermadecensis</i>	Benham, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus ravus</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus subtilis</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus tetratheca</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae

Introduced and Naturalised

Taxa that have become naturalised in the wild after being deliberately or accidentally introduced into New Zealand by human agency.

Name	Authority	Family
<i>Neodrilus agilis</i>	Lee, 1949	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Neodrilus edwardsi</i>	Lee, 1959	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Octochaetus brucei</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Octochaetus huttoni</i>	Beddard, 1892	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Octochaetus michaelsoni</i>	Benham, 1904	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Octochaetus multiporus</i>	Beddard, 1885	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Octochaetus thomasi</i>	Beddard, 1892	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Plagiochaeta sylvestris</i>	Hutton, 1877	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Plutellus stewartensis</i>	Lee, 1959	Megascolecidae
<i>Rhododrilus aduncocystis</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus albidus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus benhami</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus cockaynei</i>	Benham, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus leptomerus</i>	Benham, 1905	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus macroseptus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus minimus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus robustus</i>	Lee, 1952	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Rhododrilus similis</i>	Benham, 1906	Acanthodrilidae
<i>Spenceriella gigantea</i>	Benham, 1906	Megascolecidae
<i>Spenceriella shakespearii</i>	Benham, 1906	Megascolecidae

