



Ranunculus ternatifolius

Common Name(s):

None known

Current Threat Status (2012):

Threatened - Nationally Vulnerable

Distribution:

Endemic. North and South Islands. Known from two sites in the North Island (Erua, Makirikiri Tarns). In the South known from N.W. Nelson, Canterbury, Otago and Southland.

Habitat:

Damp sites in forest, scrub and tussock grassland. Often associated with base-rich rocks and substrates.

Features*:

Diminutive, tufted, perennial stoloniferous herb forming diffuse to dense colonies. Leaves (1)-2-ternate, leaflets 91-)-2-5(-10) mm diam., long-stalked, entire or ternatifid, sparsely hairy. Flowers leaf-opposed, solitary, 3-4 mm diam., produced from stolons. Pedicels very short, sparsely hairy. Sepals spreading, hairy. Petals 5, yellow, lanceolate or narrow-obovate; nectary single, 1 mm from petal base. covered by small, round scale. receptacle hairy. Achenes (seeds) 5-15(-20), flattened, glabrous, beak curved, 0.5 mm long.

Flowering:

October to January (but sporadic flowering may occur throughout the year)

Fruiting:

November to April

Threats:

Threatened throughout its range by competition from weeds.

*Attribution:

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References and further reading:

Webb CJ, Sykes WR, Garnock-Jones PJ 1988. Flora of New Zealand. Vol. IV. Botany Division, DSIR, Christchurch.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=117



Caption: *Ranunculus ternatifolius*

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