



Potamogeton suboblongus

Common Name(s):

Mud pondweed

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

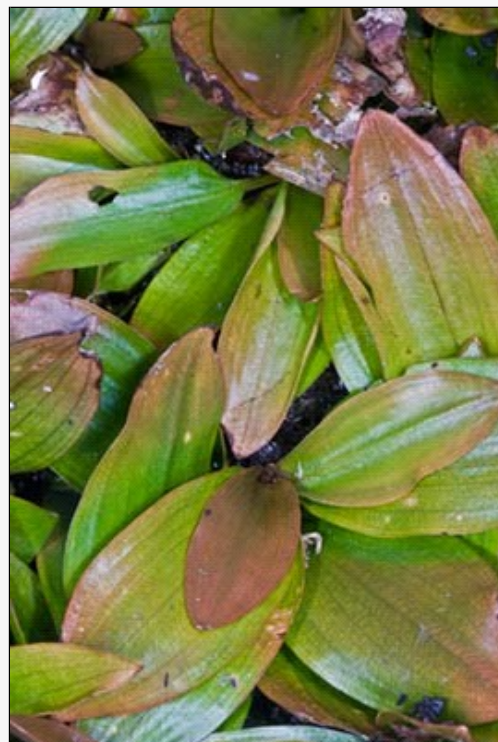
Endemic. New Zealand: North, South and Stewart Islands

Habitat:

Coastal to subalpine, being mostly found in upper montane and subalpine areas in the northern part of its range. *Potamogeton suboblongus* is more commonly found in shallow, muddy hollows in forest, and colonising tarns and alpine soaks and pools which may partially dry out in summer.

Features*:

Aquatic, submerged or floating, or ± semi-terrestrial on muddy ground and seepages, rhizomatous little-branched, perennial herb. Rhizomes usually buried in firm mud; leafy branches erect, usually simple, long or short, often rooted at leaf-bearing nodes. Stipules c.20–30 mm long, free, open, membranous and often conspicuous. Leaves weakly dimorphic, entire; lower leaves apparently not regularly submersed, similar to upper leaves, being somewhat more narrowly elliptic and with fewer, more obscure nerves than emergent leaves; upper and emergent leaves long- or short-petiolate, lamina 15–60 × 8–35 mm, broad-elliptic, rarely oval, subacute and sometimes shortly attenuate at tip, firm and opaque, longitudinal nerves 11–21 in all, usually several laterals emerging from midrib. Inflorescence a densely flowered spike, 10–20 mm long. Peduncles arising in axils of upper leaves, simple, stout, erect, standing well above leaves. Achenes c.2.0 × 1.5 mm, reddish when ripe, neither flattened nor strongly keeled, beak short but slightly curved.



Caption: In cultivation ex Pureora.
Oct 2007.

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Flowering:

December - March

Fruiting:

January - April

Threats:

Not Threatened

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References and further reading:

Moore, L.B.; Edgar, E. 1970: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. II. Government Printer, Wellington.

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