



## *Ranunculus haastii*

### **Common Name(s):**

Haasts buttercup

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

At Risk - Declining

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. South Island, Eastern side of the main. divided from southern Marlborough south through Canterbury to the Ben Ohau Range.

### **Habitat:**

High alpine inhabiting fine-grained shingle-slide screes.

### **Features\*:**

Stout, fleshy, glaucous, summer green perennial herb, 50-150 mm tall, all parts coriaceous; glabrous except for leaf sheath margins. Rhizomes stout, fleshy, 150-200 mm long, often branching, 10-20 mm diam., marked by scars of old leaf bases and vascular strands, oozing viscid and milky latex when damaged; roots stout, 500-800 x 2-5 mm, laterally branching at apices. Achenes glabrous. Body obovate (3.5-)4.0-5.5 mm long; surface dull, pale brown, to dark brown, tinted orange and purple brown, Beak (3.5-)4.0-5.5(-6.5) mm long, curved.

### **Flowering:**

September - December

### **Fruiting:**

November - January

### **\*Attribution:**

Fact Sheet prepared by P.J. de Lange (12 February 2007).  
Description based on Fisher (1965).

### **References and further reading:**

Fisher, F.J.F. 1965: The alpine *Ranunculi* of New Zealand. *Bulletin, New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research* 165: 1-192.

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

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=1230](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1230)



**Caption:** Craigieburn Skifield, Canterbury

**Photographer:** Jesse Bythell



**Caption:** Foggy Peak, Torlesse range, December

**Photographer:** John Smith-Dodsworth