



Raoulia eximia

Common Name(s):

Vegetable sheep

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island - mostly east of the main divide from Marlborough to northern Southland

Habitat:

Subalpine to alpine. In rocky ground such as scree and talus slopes, cliff faces and boulder falls and in fellfield

Features*:

Stock very stout, woody; branches woody below, very densely compacted, forming rounded cushions up to 1 m or more diameter, up to 1 m tall. Leaves densely imbricate, 3.0-4.0 × up to 1.5 mm, 1-nerved, obovate- to oblong-spathulate to narrow-oblong, rounded at apex; apical portion on both surfaces with dense brush of long straight hairs exceeding and obscuring outline of lamina; ventral surface glabrous below; dorsal surface clad in ascending straight hairs. Capitula c.3 mm diameter. Inner series of involucre bracts linear, 3-4 mm long, scarious on margins, pilose in upper portion, tips not white, not radiating. Florets 10-15 or more. Achenes hardly 1 mm long, clad in long silky hairs; pappus-hairs rigid

Flowering:

November - January

Fruiting:

January - April

Threats:

Not Threatened

***Attribution:**

Description adapted from Allan (1961).

References and further reading:

Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. I, Government Printer, Wellington.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1246



Caption: Mt Peel, Kahurangi NP
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Caption: Middle Peel
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