



## *Veronica scrupea*

### Common Name(s):

Waiautoa sun hebe

### Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Declining

### Distribution:

South Island: Seaward and Inland Kaikoura Ranges only.

### Habitat:

Largely confined to bare eroding ribs of black, excessively shattered greywacke (argillite).

### Features\*:

Small shrub, 50-200mm tall. Branchlets upright, red-brown to grey, with thick corky bark. Leaves narrow, leathery and shiny, rigid, 5-15mm long, 2-6mm wide, sides of leaves usually folded upwards to give a boat-shaped appearance; upper surface green to bronze-green and shiny, undersurface very pale, dull, with numerous pores. Leaf margins red with shallow, rounded or sharp teeth. Flower head 1-2cm long, at end of branch (with 30-70 flowers), 5-8mm diameter, bright pink at first, mauve after pollination; throat pink, pale yellow anthers. Seed capsule dark brown, swollen and smooth, 2-2.5mm long, 1-1.5mm wide. Capsules splitting open to one third when ripe.

### Flowering:

October to November

### Fruiting:

Unknown

### \*Attribution:

Fact Sheet Prepared by P.J. de Lange (1 November 2004). Description based on Garnock-Jones (1993)

### References and further reading:

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