



Pimelea tomentosa

Common Name(s):

None known

Current Threat Status (2012):

Threatened - Nationally Vulnerable

Distribution:

Endemic to New Zealand, occurring throughout the North Island and northern South Island.

Habitat:

Open cliff tops, in scrub, frost flats, track sides and other seral habitats.

Features*:

An erect, grey-green, leafy shrub up to 1 m tall. Branches are slender and straight, with prominent leaf scars. Bark orange-brown. Young branchlets have whitish hairs. The grey-green, soft lance-shaped leaves are up to 25 mm long, with pale silky hairs on their undersides. The black fleshy fruits are very conspicuous, terminating the branch ends wherever flowers have been present.

Flowering:

Flowering specimens may be seen throughout the year.

Fruiting:

Fruiting specimens may be seen throughout the year.

Threats:

Habitat loss through development, land clearance, succession, track maintenance and competition with weeds.

*Attribution:

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References and further reading:

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

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Caption: Fruit and seeds
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