



Acaena buchananii

Common Name(s):

Bidibid, piripiri

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Declining

Distribution:

Eastern South Island from Marlborough to Otago. Lowland to montane short dry tussockland and turf, mainly in inland basins. In the drier parts of Central Otago it can be locally common especially in closely grazed non-improved pasture.

Habitat:

Montane riverbeds and tussock grassland.

Features*:

Leaves milky green or grey, lacking pattern of darker veins; heads unstalked; fruits c. 10 per head; fruit spines with soft hairs bent backwards at tip.

Flowering:

Flowers in December

Fruiting:

Unknown

Threats:

Habitat destruction through land development such as cultivation, oversowing, irrigation, orchard and vineyard establishment.

***Attribution:**

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References and further reading:

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For more information, visit:

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Caption: *Acaena buchananii*
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