



## *Celmisia hieraciifolia* var. *gracilis*

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

mountain daisy

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

Not Threatened

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. South Island. Mount Hope, Ben Nevis, Mount Murchison

### **Habitat:**

Montane to subalpine in grassland, herbfield, fellfield and debris slopes.

### **Features\*:**

Medium tufted herb, stock usually simple, pseudo-stem  $\pm$  40 mm long. Lamina coriaceous, c.15-25  $\times$  2-4 mm; linear to very narrow-obovate; upper surface glabrous, sometimes slightly viscid, pale green when fresh; lower densely clad in closely appressed satiny pale yellow to buff or almost white tomentum, nerves conspicuous in lower part; subobtuse to obtuse, sometimes apiculate; margins entire or nearly so, teeth usually with distinct apiculus, slightly narrowed to broad grooved short petiole or directly into glabrous sheath c.20  $\times$  10 mm Scape slender, up to 120 mm long, glandular-pubescent. Bracts linear to subulate, glandular-pubescent, lower up to 40 mm long. Capitula 20-30 mm diameter; involucre bracts  $\pm$  13 mm long, outer densely glandular-pubescent, linear-subulate, acute, midrib distinct, margins sometimes  $\pm$  floccose. Ray-florets numerous, c.12 mm long, white, tube slender, limb narrow-linear. Disk-florets c.7 mm long, tubular to narrow-funnelform, teeth narrow-triangular. Achenes c.5 mm long, strongly ribbed, cylindric to subfusiform; hairs usually few, weak. Pappus-hairs white to sordid-white, slender, up to c.6 mm long, finely barbellate.

### **Flowering:**

October - January

### **Fruiting:**

November - 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. The status of the three varieties of *C. hieraciifolia* needs critical investigation

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