



## *Celmisia hieraciifolia* var. *hieraciifolia*

### Common Name(s):

mountain daisy

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Endemic. North and South Islands. From the Ruahine and Tararua Ranges south to North Canterbury and Westland

### 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.40-120  $\times$  10-25 mm; oblong-obovate to elliptic-oblong; 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; obtuse, sometimes apiculate; margins crenate to crenate-dentate, teeth usually with distinct apiculus, slightly narrowed to broad grooved short petiole or directly into glabrous sheath c.20  $\times$  10 mm. Scape rather stout, 50-250 mm long, viscid with dense glandular hairs. Bracts linear to subulate, glandular-pubescent, lower up to 40 mm long. Capitula 20-50 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:

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