



Celmisia hieraciifolia var. *oblonga*

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.30-70 \times 4-15 mm; narrow-oblong to narrow-spathulate; 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 finely crenate-dentate, teeth small, sparse rarely almost absent, slightly narrowed to broad grooved short petiole or directly into glabrous sheath c.20 \times 10 mm Scape rather slender, 50-200 mm long, viscid with dense glandular hairs. Bracts linear to subulate, glandular-pubescent, lower up to 40 mm long. Capitula 20-40 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.5 mm long, white, tube slender, limb narrow-linear. Disk-florets c.7 mm long, tubular to narrow-funnelform, teeth narrow-triangular. Achenes c.2-5 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.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=1627



Caption: Mount Stokes, Marlborough

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Caption: Mt Stokes January

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