



Celmisia rupestris

Common Name(s):

mountain daisy

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island: North-West Nelson (Kahurangi National Park) - Mount Glasgow, Mount Peel (Cobb), Cobb Valley, Aorere Peak

Habitat:

Upper montane to alpine. On cliff faces, rock outcrops and amongst rocks or in fellfield

Features*:

Prostrate or straggling shrub with stems up to \pm 1 m long and 10 mm diameter, branched; branchlets rather slender to stout, up to c. 150 mm long. Leaves numerous, densely imbricate; lamina 10-25 \times 2.5-3.0 mm, narrowly linear-spathulate, coriaceous, gradually narrowed to sheath; upper surface rather densely clad in soft white not appressed hairs, midrib concealed by hairs; lower surface similarly clad, but more densely so; apex obtuse to subacute, usually apiculate; margins strongly revolute, but not to midrib. Sheath broad, membranous, hairy. Scape glandular-pubescent, slender, up to \pm 150 mm long; bracts numerous, lower leaf-like, lamina 9.0-10.0 mm long expanding into sheath. Capitula 25-30 mm diameter; involucre bracts in two series, narrow-linear, c. 5 mm long, glandular-pubescent, \pm clad in floccose hairs. Ray-florets many, narrow, clawed, limb c.6 mm long, white; disk-florets 3.8-4.1 mm long, tubular. Achenes subcylindric, 2.0-2.5 mm long, ribs with rather sparse hairs. Pappus-hairs sordid-white, up to 5 mm long

Flowering:

October - February

Fruiting:

November - May

Threats:

A naturally uncommon species that does not appear to be actively threatened

***Attribution:**

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

References and further reading:

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