



## *Celmisia sinclairii*

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

Sinclair's mountain daisy

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

Not Threatened

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. South Island: Nelson and Marlborough from the Richmond Range and Wairau Mountains south to the St Arnaud Range and upper Clarence.

### **Habitat:**

Montane to subalpine. Mainly in grassland and herbfield. Occasionally on rock outcrops

### **Features\*:**

Small low-growing subshrub with stems branching from near base; branches short, ascending to spreading, clad in persistent leaf-remnants; living leaves rosulate at tips of branchlets. Lamina bright green, glabrous on both surfaces,  $\pm 50-70 \times 15$  mm, obovate, obovate-elliptic to elliptic-spathulate, membranous; lower surface with conspicuous midrib; apex obtuse to subacute, apiculate; margins entire to obscurely denticulate, gradually narrowed to short petiole, then expanded into striate, glabrous, thin sheath  $\pm 25 \times 6$  mm. Scape slender, almost glabrous,  $\pm 150$  mm long; bracts linear-subulate, 8-9 mm long,  $\pm$  ciliolate. Capitula 30-40 mm diameter; involucral bracts linear-subulate, spreading,  $\pm$  ciliolate at apex. Ray-florets numerous, linear, c. 8-12 mm long, obtuse. Disk-florets narrow-funnelform, c. 5-6 mm long. Achenes silky-hairy on ribs. Pappus-hairs up to 6 mm long, slender, barbellate



**Caption:** Mt Fishtail, January

**Photographer:** John Smith-Dodsworth

### **Flowering:**

November - February

### **Fruiting:**

December - April

### **Threats:**

Not Threatened

### **\*Attribution:**

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

### **References and further reading:**

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