



Celmisia walkeri

Common Name(s):

Walker's mountain daisy

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island: widespread from about south Marlborough and the Paparoa Range south

Habitat:

Montane to subalpine rocky places, rock-clefts and fellfield

Features*:

Sprawling, sometimes lianoid, shrub with main stems up to ± 2 m long and 5-15 mm diameter; branches and branchlets stout, woody, \pm invested by persistent leaf-sheaths and leaf-remnants. Leaves slightly viscid, numerous, densely imbricated along branchlets. Lamina 20-50 \times 3-5 mm, erect but becoming patent and finally reflexed; narrow-oblong to narrowly obovate-oblong, slightly narrowed to sheath, coriaceous; upper surface glabrous, \pm viscid, grooved, midrib impressed; lower surface clad in soft white appressed tomentum, midrib evident; apex \pm acute; margins flat, rather obscurely toothed; sheath pale, slightly wider than lamina at apex, 15 \times 4 mm, pale brown, thinly coriaceous. Scape 100-200 mm long, slender, \pm glandular-pubescent; bracts several, linear-subulate, up to 20 mm long. Capitula 20-40 mm diameter; involucre bracts linear, 6-8 mm long, pale, \pm glandular-pubescent to glabrous, margins ciliolate, midrib distinct. Ray-florets numerous; claw \pm compressed, 6 mm long, white; limb 6 mm long, elliptic-oblong. Disk-florets 6-7 mm long, narrow-funnelform; teeth minute, triangular. Achenes c. 5 mm long, subcompressed-cylindric; ribs rather obscure, with minute ascending hairs. Pappus of sordid-white minutely barbellate hairs up to ± 6 mm long

Flowering:

October - February

Fruiting:

November - April

Threats:

Not Threatened

*Attribution:

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

References and further reading:

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