



Ranunculus limosella

Common Name(s):

Mud buttercup

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. North and South Islands from Lake Whangape south.

Habitat:

Coastal to lowland. Usually found in raupo (*Typha orientalis*) dominated wetlands where it grows in still moderately deep to deep water.

Features*:

Small perennial herb. Leaves in rosettes, tufted along a slender, creeping, buried stem; linear to spoon-shaped, not toothed, hairless, with long stems, up to 14cm long when permanently submerged. Flowers yellow to purple, solitary, 6-8mm diameter, with 4 linear petals and 4 spreading sepals; on stalks 1-2cm tall.

Threats:

Habitat modification, eutrophication from uncontrolled nutrient run off, fertilisers, and drains are major problems throughout its range. Invasive aquatic weeds are a problem in many areas.

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Caption: Close up

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