



## *Centipeda elatinoides*

### Common Name(s):

sneezeweed, snuff weed

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Indigenous. New Zealand, North and South Island. Exact distribution unclear as this species has only just (2001) been recognised in New Zealand. Present in Australia and Chile (South America)

### Habitat:

Coastal to lowland (0-300 m a.s.l.). Usually on recently exposed muddy ground on seasonally inundated sites, e.g., shallow lake and lake margins, ephemeral ponds, river and stream banks and in seepages.

### Features\*:

Prostrate annual to perennial herb, all parts glabrous to glabrescent, usually with short arachnoid hairs near growing tips; branches spreading, up to 300 mm long, rooting from lower nodes. Leaves alternate, obovate to narrowly obovate, 6-20 x 2.5-8 mm, glaucous green to green, margins entire or finely crenate, resin-dotted. Inflorescence a single, shortly pedunculate, leaf opposed capitulum. Peduncle 0.5-3 mm long. Capitula at flowering biconvex to hemispherical, 3-5 mm diam.; involucre bracts 1-2-seriate, obovate, 1-1.5 mm long; receptacle convex; female (outer) florets 40-80, in 2-4 rows, cylindrical, 0.2-0.4 mm, green or yellow-green; bisexual (inner) florets 4-14, obconic, 0.5-0.7 mm, purplish. Fruiting head disarticulating before stem senescence. Cypselas of female and bisexual florets similar, narrowly obovate, 1.2-2 mm, obtuse at apex, flattened, 3-4-angled in section, ribs clothed with antrorse appressed hairs, pericarp slightly thickened at or close to apex

### Flowering:

September - May

### Fruiting:

October - July

### Threats:

Not Threatened

### \*Attribution:

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