



Utricularia delicatula

Common Name(s):

bladderwort

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Relict

Distribution:

Northern half of North Island (very rare); Chatham Island

Habitat:

Coastal to lowland restiad-dominated bogs, in open ground, especially bare, freshly exposed peat, but also found threaded through liverworts and Sphagnum moss. On Chatham Island, it has been found growing on peaty soil on the margins of streams and in similar peaty turf with *Oreomyrrhis* on rock platforms exposed to salt spray and on occasion wave wash.

Features:

Tiny leaves (4–6 mm long); flowers are helmet-like, usually 2–3 together, pale lilac to pale lavender, on erect slender stalks 2–3 cm tall; capsules dry, ovoid and filled with tiny seeds. Flowers occur from November to February and the globular fruit are persistent from autumn into winter.

Flowering:

November - February

Fruiting:

Autumn - Winter

Threats:

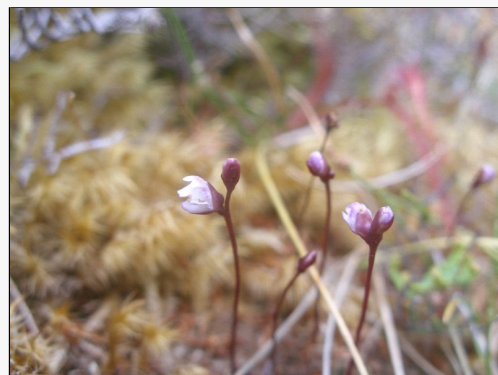
Habitat destruction: bog drainage; intensive farming; invasion by or regeneration of dense taller vegetation.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=213



Caption: *Utricularia delicatula*
Photographer: Kevin Matthews



Caption: Tuku, Chatham (Rekohu) Island
Photographer: John Sawyer