



## *Ranunculus amphitrichus*

### Common Name(s):

waoriki

### Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

### Distribution:

Indigenous. New Zealand (North, South, Chatham Islands). Also Australia

### Habitat:

Coastal to montane. Often partially submerged in shallow water, wet grassland and lake, pond or tarn marginal turf communities. Sometimes in moist clearings within forest or tussock grassland.

### Features\*:

Perennial; rosettes tufted along creeping stems; nodes not usually bulbous. Basal leaves with slender erect or ascending petioles (20-) 5-10(-150) mm long; lamina trifoliolate to palmatisect, glabrous, ± circular, 10-20 mm diameter; leaflets sessile, obtriangular, bluntly 3-fid up to 1/2 way, sometimes again bluntly toothed, ± equal. Leaves of flowering stems ternate with linear acute entire leaflets. Flowers 1-4(-7) per stem, 7-12 mm diameter; pedicels glabrous. Sepals spreading, glabrous. Petals (3-)4-5(-9), yellow, narrowly oblong, oblong to narrowly obovate, 2-4 mm long, shortly clawed; nectary single, 1.0-1.5 mm from petal base, with a short, tumid, semilunar scale. Receptacle with a basal collar of bristles. Achenes (6-)10-20(-30), hardly flattened, glabrous; body 1.5-2.0 mm long, obscurely wrinkled when ripe; beak straight or curved, 1.0-1.5 mm long.

### Flowering:

(September-)October-January(-May)

### Fruiting:

October - June

### Threats:

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### \*Attribution:

Fact Sheet prepared by P.J. de Lange 10 February 2007. Description from fresh plants and herbarium specimens.

### For more information, visit:

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**Caption:** Opuatia Wetland  
**Photographer:** Peter de Lange



**Caption:** *Ranunculus amphitrichus* plants showing flowers and growth form  
**Photographer:** John Smith-Dodsworth, Plateau swamp, Kaingaroa, December