



Celmisia durietzii

Common Name(s):

Durietz's mountain daisy

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island: Marlborough south. Stewart island plants included here by Allan (1961) appear to be an allied but as yet undescribed species endemic to that island.

Habitat:

Montane to alpine grassland, herbfield, and fellfield. Sometimes rupestral on rock outcrops and tors.

Features*:

Robust subshrub with stout simple to multicipital stock; branches \pm arcuate, clad in persistent imbricate leaf-remnants; living leaves rosulate, spreading, at tips of branchlets. Lamina \pm 30-60 \times 7-10 mm, narrow-elliptic, elliptic-obovate to subspathulate (often varying on same plant), subcoriaceous; upper surface glabrous, usually with deciduous pellicle when young (in some forms clad in soft white tomentum); lower densely clad in white appressed silky soft hairs, midrib evident; apex obtuse to subacute; margins minutely obscurely denticulate, gradually narrowed to rather slender petiole up to \pm 30 mm long. Sheath translucent, glabrous, \pm 25 \times 5 mm, longitudinal veins prominent. Scape stiff, rather stout, finely ribbed, glabrous or nearly so, \pm 200 mm long; lower bracts tomentose below, up to c. 30 mm long (lowest often foliaceous), upper less hairy below, midrib evident. Capitula 30-40 mm diameter; involucral bracts \pm reflexed, glandular-pubescent, up to 12 mm long, linear, subcoriaceous, midrib distinct, margins pilose, apical part with tuft of floccose hairs. Ray-florets c.15 mm long, white, tube almost filiform, limb narrow-obovate, c. 3 mm broad. Disk-florets numerous, slender, tubular, only slightly flaring, 6-7 mm long, teeth minute, narrow-triangular. Achenes narrow-cylindric, \pm 5-6 mm long, densely clad in fine silky subappressed hairs. Pappus-hairs very slender, white, up to c.7 mm. long, hardly barbellate

Flowering:

October - March

Fruiting:

November - May

Threats:

Not Threatened

*Attribution:

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

References and further reading:

Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. I, Government Printer, Wellington.

For more information, visit:

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Caption: Harris Saddle area, 1500m
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