



Raoulia beauverdii

Common Name(s):

Beauverds Scabweed

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island, easterly from Canterbury to Southland

Habitat:

Coastal to montane (0-500 m a.s.l.) on sand dunes and inland in short tussock grassland, often on limestone talus or loess derived from calcareous rocks, and on or near limestone and schist rock outcrops.

Features:

Silvery-grey (battleship grey) prostrate, creeping, perennial herb forming diffuse to dense mats up to 1 m diameter. Stems up to 0.5 mm diameter, filiform, dark brown, wiry and pliant, emitting numerous fine, long, filiform roots at leaf nodes. branches 5-20 (or more) mm long, weakly ascending to spreading, more or less silky-pilose hairy. Leaves openly to closely imbricating on stems and branches, rarely distant (usually on rapidly growing stems), 2-5 x 0.2-1 mm, uniformly silvery-grey to battle-ship grey, linear to linear-spathulate or spathulate, apex obtuse to rounded, both surfaces covered in fine, more or less appressed greyish indumentum, margins involute. Capitula 4-6 mm diameter, florets 10-15, pale cream, more or less funnellform; involucre bracts 3-4-seriate, outer shorter than inner, broadly-ovate, acuminate, inner linear-oblong, scarios, apices obtuse, often dark brown tipped. Cypsela 0.8-0.9 mm long, ribs indistinct with basal rim not thickened, buff brown to grey brown, obovate to obovate-elliptic. Pappus 3-3.2 mm long, caducous, very finely scabrid.

Flowering:

October - December

Fruiting:

November - February

Threats:

A naturally uncommon sporadically occurring species

For more information, visit:

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Caption: Awahokomoa Bluffs, St Mary

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Caption: Raoulia beauverdii, Awahokomo bluffs, Waitaki.

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