



Bulbinella gibbsii var. *gibbsii*

Common Name(s):

Gibbs Maori Onion, Gibbs Lily, Gibbs Onion

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. Stewart Island.

Habitat:

Coastal to alpine (mainly alpine) in damp ground, in cushion bogs and seepages, sometimes fringing ponds and small ephemeral pools.

Features*:

Subdioecious, diminutive, summer green, fleshy, lily up to 300 mm tall. Leaves up to 30 mm wide, strap-like, reddish green to dark green, fleshy. Peduncle mostly shorter than raceme. Raceme mostly conical (rarely cylindrical), the axis visible between flowers. Pedicels 10-20 mm long, swollen below flower, elongating slightly after anthesis. Bracts long-acuminate, notably longer than pedicel in flowering and fruiting material. Flowers 10-14 mm diameter, dark yellow, numerous, densely crowded; tepals patent, becoming erect and hardening as fruit matures. Stamens 6, < tepals; anthers mostly well filled with pollen. Ovary not stipitate. Capsules broad-ovoid. Seeds dark and narrowly winged.

Flowering:

January - February

Fruiting:

February - March

Threats:

Not Threatened. Listed only because with respect to the rest of the New Zealand archipelago it occupies a small geographic area

***Attribution:**

Description modified from Moore and Edgar (1970)

References and further reading:

Moore, L.B.; Edgar, E. 1970: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. I. Government Printer, Wellington. 354pp.

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