



Bulbinella talbotii

Common Name(s):

Talbots onion, Goulund Downs onion

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island, north-west Nelson, Goulund Downs

Habitat:

Montane in boggy ground and fringing pools of water within open shrubland.

Features*:

Stout, fleshy, bisexual plant, scarcely rising above ground; leaves widely spreading, up to 100-400 mm. Leaves 3-7 mm wide, more or less horizontally spreading. Peduncle very short, scarcely evident from with leaf-sheaths, rarely exceeding raceme-length. Raceme at flowering 10-25 × 15 mm, elongating little at fruit; fruit densely crowded; bracts about equal in length to pedicels, with broad, pale, membranous, sheathing at base, covering young buds but in fruit almost hidden; pedicels short, widely spreading, scarcely visible. Flowers deep yellow to sulphur yellow except for the abaxial nerve of each tepal green; perianth 7-11 mm diameter, shrivelled and tangled at base of ripe capsules. Stamens 6, widely spreading. Ovary and capsule stipitate, the capsule globose above the gynophore, 3.5-6.5 mm diameter. Seeds 3.5 mm long, brown, smooth, rounded without wings

Flowering:

December - January

Fruiting:

December - February

Threats:

Not Threatened. However listed because it is a geographically restricted, narrow-range endemic. It is not very well known and it may be threatened to some extent by pigs and other browsing animals.

***Attribution:**

Description modified from Moore and Edgar (1970)

References and further reading:

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Caption: At Goulund Downs, November

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