



## *Callitriche aucklandica*

### **Common Name(s):**

None Known

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. Auckland Islands only

### **Habitat:**

Coastal to montane on exposed, in pools and on sodden peat, in heavy shade under shrubs and tussocks. Often near bird colonies but also common on exposed mud within forest and scrub.

### **Features:**

Perennial, creeping bright green to dark green fleshy to membranous herb. Stems rather lax, sprawling up to 300 mm long. Leaves on broad, membranous fused petioles; lamina fleshy, 3.6-8 x 1.2-4 mm, dark green to bright green, spatulate. Flowers solitary or in pairs, ebracteate. Filaments to 9 mm long, tapering from broad base. Mericarps more or less elliptic, obovate-elliptic or obovate, laterally compressed, 1.0-1.6 mm long; surface colliculate or reticulate, dull, pale orange-yellow, medium to light brown or grey brown.

### **Flowering:**

October - November

### **Fruiting:**

November - April

### **Threats:**

Not Threatened. Listed because it is endemic to the Auckland Islands. On these islands it is abundant.

### **References and further reading:**

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309

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