



## *Callitriche petriei* subsp. *chathamensis*

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

Chatham Island starwort

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

Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic to the Chatham Islands

### **Habitat:**

Found on wet, peaty ground, commonly at the edges of streams and lakes, on bare peat and mud. Also in damp peaty turf on steep cliff faces, ledges and rubble near the sea.

### **Features:**

Diminutive, monoecious, widely creeping perennial with weakly ascending to erect branches 30-100 mm long. Leaves 2.5-8 mm long, bright green to yellow green, spatulate to orbicular, the larger leaves often with short side veins arising from the midrib, and with two lateral veins. Flowers solitary, alternate on either side of stem, ebracteate. Fruit an more or less elliptic mericarp, laterally compressed, 0.6-0.9 x 0.7-1 mm, dull grey-brown or orange-yellow, lobes not rounded, keeled or winged.

### **Flowering:**

January - March

### **Fruiting:**

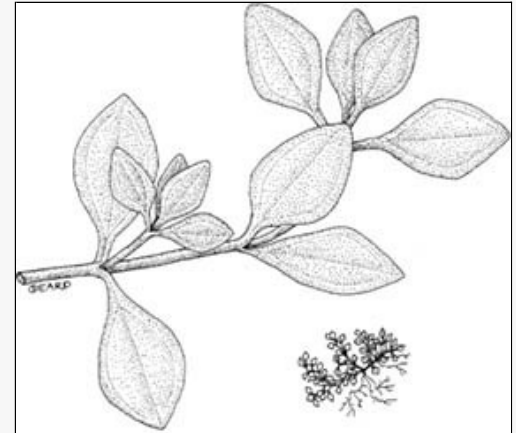
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### **Threats:**

Not threatened and only listed because it is an island endemic which occupies a limited geographic area. It is abundant in suitable habitats on the two main Chatham Islands

### **For more information, visit:**

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**Caption:** Sketch of *Callitriche petriei* subsp. *chathamensis*

**Photographer:** Illustration: Catherine Beard



**Caption:** In cultivation. Mar 2007.

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