



## *Seligeria diminuta*

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

Moss

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

Nationally Critical

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. South Island, Castlehill Area

### **Features:**

Autoicous, extremely small, tufted, saxicolous, whitish-green moss. Stems less than 1 mm tall, fastigiate. Leaves suberect to spreading; lamina linear-lanceolate, acute or shortly acuminate, concave; margin entire. Nerve failing below leaf apex. Upper cells punctiform. Perichaetial bracts erect, triangular, acute, almost 1/2 length of upper leaves, concave, with margin entire and nerve percurrent. Seta strongly falcate or cygneous. Capsule ovate or subglobose; mouth wide. peristome teeth 16.

### **Fruiting:**

Although fruit has been seen insufficient information exists to provide any details on the timing of fruiting

### **Threats:**

Very vulnerable to competition from weeds, trampling by rock climbers and mining/quarrying for lime and limestone rock. There is some evidence that this species has declined markedly since rock climbing became more popular in the Castlehill basin.

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