



Pleurophyllum hookeri

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic to Auckland, Campbell and Macquarie Islands in the sub-Antarctics.

Habitat:

Apparently restricted to montane herbfields.

Features*:

Radical leaves $\pm 150-350 \times 45-65$ mm, obovate-oblong, abruptly acute to acuminate, narrowed to sheathing base, coriaceous, completely clad in dense silvery tomentum; margins rather closely crenulate to subentire, hydathodes evident, sheaths densely clad in long floccose hairs; ribs c.10-15, inconspicuous. Scapes up to 600 mm long, grooved, tomentose; lower leaves narrow-oblong, upper linear; racemes with c.10-20 capitula, each c. 20 mm diameter. Involucral bracts linear-lanceolate, acuminate, with scattered hairs. Ray-florets short, inconspicuous; disk-florets purple; achenes with silky to substrigose hairs. Pappus-hairs hardly or not at all thickened above

Flowering:

December - February

Fruiting:

January - May

Threats:

In the geopolitical New Zealand part of its range this is a naturally uncommon species. It is widespread and common within its New Zealand island habitants, with both the Auckland and Campbell Islands being Nature Reserves and World Heritage sites with access only by permit, and strictly limited as to numbers of people. This species is however possibly threatened on Macquarie Island, where rabbits have become a serious problem.

***Attribution:**

Description adapted from: Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand

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Caption: Campbell Island
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