



Ranunculus kirkii

Common Name(s):

None Known

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. Stewart Island.

Habitat:

Lowland to alpine in damp ground amongst scrub and tussock grassland.

Features:

Non rhizomatous, tufted perennial herb up to 250 mm tall. Roots numerous, fleshy. Leaves mainly in a loose rosette, ternate; leaflets petiolules short, 5-25 mm diameter, divided to about 1/2 or more into 3 crenate or bluntly toothed lobes, hairy or glabrescent. Flowers 1-3 per stem, 8-18 mm diameter; pedicels conspicuous, covered within long appressed, sericeous hairs. Sepals spreading, sericeous hairy. petals 5, 2-4 x 0.9-1.2 mm, yellow, narrowly obovate; nectary single, 2 mm from petal base, covered by a small rounded scale. Receptacle hairy. Achenes 10-15, 2.5-3.4 mm long, flattened, glabrous, with a broad body; beak straight or curved, 0.5-1 mm long.

Flowering:

October - February

Fruiting:

December - May

Threats:

Not threatened. Listed only because it is a narrow-range endemic.

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