



Ranunculus pinguis

Common Name(s):

None Known

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. Auckland and Campbell Islands.

Habitat:

From sea level to 600 m a.s.l. Growing in damp to flooded ground within grassland and in rocky fell field and moors.

Features*:

Short, stout and rather fleshy perennial rosette forming herb 50-250 mm high, all parts glabrous or sparsely pilose hairy. Thizome fleshy 7-12 mm diam., bearing many fleshy white roots. Leaves on stout fleshy petioles 20-100 mm long, with very broad, stout, fleshy sheathing bases; lamina 20-80 mm diam., dark green, reniform, deeply lobed, with lobes also crenate. Flowering scape 1-3, usually 1-flowered, unbranched, as long or longer than leaves, stout, naked or with 1-2 small linear bracts above middle. Flowers 20-30 mm diam., sepals 5-6, oblong; petals 6-10, pale yellow, narrow-obovate or linear-oblong, small and stiff, hardly as long as sepals, glossy portion reduced, with single or occasionally multiple nectaries at base; receptacle broadly oblong. Achenes numerous, small, glabrous or with short scattered hairs in upper part of body and lower part of beak; body obovate-oblong or elliptic oblong 1.4-2.0 mm long, pale brown, orange or dark red-brown, beak 1.1-2.0 mm long, straight, bent or curved to ventral side

Flowering:

December - January

Fruiting:

February - April

Threats:

Not Threatened. Listed because it is a narrow range island endemic. It is however, abundant within its known habitats.

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References and further reading:

Fisher, F.J.F. 1965: The alpine *Ranunculi* of New Zealand. *Bulletin, New Zealand Department of Scientific and Industrial Research* 165: 1-192.

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Caption: Campbell Island

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