



## *Puccinia embergeriae*

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

Chatham Island sow thistle rust

### **Distribution:**

This rust is known only in the Chatham Islands, and has been collected only at Kaingaroa, although it may occur on *Embergeria* growing elsewhere in the Chathams.

### **Fruiting:**

There are three collections of this rust held in the New Zealand Fungal Herbarium, collected in November 1992 and April 1993.

### **Threats:**

*Embergeria grandifolia* is a threatened plant, and is listed as a nationally endangered species in de Lange et al. (2004) *Puccinia embergeriae*, which is an obligate parasite, probably co-exists with its host plant. However, it is also a threatened species, absolutely dependant on its host for survival.

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