



## *Ranunculus stylosus*

### **Current Threat Status (2012):**

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. Stewart Island, Tin Range and Deceit Peaks.

### **Habitat:**

Subalpine (> 500 m a.s.l.) favouring rocky or open windswept shrubland, grassland and herbfield.

### **Features\*:**

Perennial herb forming solitary appressed rosettes or small patches in exposed habitats but in sheltered sites producing tufts up to 50 mm tall. Petioles 15-40 mm long, dark green, mottled with dark-purple, broadly-sheathing, scarios with ciliate bases. Leaves 9-14 x 9-14 mm, glossy dark green, broad-ovate to deltoid, simple, crenately lobed or toothed, or cut deeply to 1/2 way into main 3 lobes; lamina rigidly coriaceous, covered in pale buff hairs. Flowers solitary, 15-20 mm diameter; peduncles 20-40 mm long, stout, decumbent to ascending, dark green, mottled purple or purple throughout, very hairy, bracts 1-2 at base, these simple, narrow; sepals 5, fugaceous, green-margined, dark brown to near black beneath; petals 5-7, rather narrow, 7-10 x 3-4 mm, dark glossy yellow above, often blotched orange-brown to dark brown beneath; nectary near petal base, covered by oblong scale; stamens 15-20; receptacle sparsely hairy. Achenes 4-6, 3-5 mm long, brown blotched with dark brown, turgidly ellipsoid, beak slender, 2-2.5 mm, only slightly curved.

### **Flowering:**

December - January

### **Fruiting:**

December - March

### **Threats:**

Not Threatened. A narrow range endemic that it is often locally common within the small geographic area it naturally occupies.

### **\*Attribution:**

Fact Sheet prepared for the NZPCN by P.J. de Lange 14 April 2006. Description adapted from Wilson & Garnock-Jones (1983).

### **References and further reading:**

Wilson, H.D.; Garnock-Jones, P. J. 1983: Taxonomic notes on Stewart Island *Ranunculus* including two new species. *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 21: 341-345.

### **For more information, visit:**

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