



## *Raoulia cinerea*

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

Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. South Island, mountains at the head of the Awatere River,

### **Habitat:**

Alpine in loose shingle, scree and sparsely vegetated rock pavement and fell field

### **Features\*:**

Stock rather woody, stems rather closely branched, branchlets ascending, forming flat patches. Leaves closely imbricate, 3-nerved, ascending, incurved at tips, 5-7 mm long, linear, acuminate; basal portion membranous, c.1 mm wide, clad in loose tomentum; apical portion densely clad in appressed white tomentum, margins slightly revolute. Capitula up to 5 mm diameter; inner involucral bracts linear-lanceolate, acute, scarious, yellowish; apices pale brown, more or less pilose on back. Achenes hardly 1 mm long, narrow-oblong, glabrous to puberulous; pappus-hairs up to 5 mm long--some flattened towards base, others terete, all slender, not or hardly thickened at apex.

### **Flowering:**

December – January

### **Fruiting:**

January – March

### **Threats:**

A local, narrow range endemic common within its preferred habitat

### **\*Attribution:**

Description adapted from Allan (1961).

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

Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. I, Government Printer, Wellington.

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

[http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\\_details.asp?ID=665](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=665)



**Caption:** Summit of Mt Barefell

**Photographer:** Gillian Crowcroft



**Caption:** Close up on Mt Barefell (January)

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