



## *Raoulia goyenii*

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

Stewart Island vegetable sheep

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

Naturally Uncommon

### **Distribution:**

Endemic. Stewart Island

### **Habitat:**

Subalpine to alpine. In herbfield, fellfield and amongst rocks

### **Features\*:**

Stock and branch-bases woody; branches densely compacted, forming greenish cushions or mats up to 1 m diameter and 0.2 m tall. Leaves densely imbricate, 3-4 × 0.5-1 mm., linear-oblong, widened and truncate at apex, 1-nerved, dorsal surface with brush of long hairs near base, glabrous above; ventral surface glabrous below, with brush of straight hairs at tip, exceeding and concealing lamina. Capitula 3-5 mm diameter. Inner involucre bracts linear, c.2.5 mm long, scarious on margins, obtuse to acute, tips erect, often white. Achenes < 1 mm. long, clad in stiff hairs; pappus-hairs c.2.5 mm long, stiff.

### **Flowering:**

December - January

### **Fruiting:**

January - March

### **Threats:**

A local, narrow range endemic common in 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=666](http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=666)



**Caption:** Mt Anglem, January 2008

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