



Raoulia petriensis

Common Name(s):

Petries scabweed

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island: East of the main divide in Central Otago and northern Southland

Habitat:

Subalpine rocky places and fellfield

Features*:

Stems laxly branched, branches and branchlets ascending. Leaves densely imbricate, 4-6 × up to 3 mm, obovate-spathulate, apiculate; lower portion appressed, membranous, 3-nerved, more or less golden, silky-hairy; apical portion coriaceous, clad in dense felted white to yellowish tomentum, tip strongly thickened and recurved. Capitula 6-7 mm diameter; inner series of involucre bracts 4-5 mm long, linear, margins hyaline; tips white, more or less pubescent, radiate. Florets 30-50, female few. Achenes up to 1 mm long, finely pubescent; pappus-hairs c.50, c.4 mm long, mainly compressed, thickened and papillate at tips, a few slender and hardly thickened at tips

Flowering:

December - February

Fruiting:

February - April

Threats:

A narrow range endemic common within its known geographic range

***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=668



Caption: Hawkdun Range, December

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