



Senecio hauwai

Common Name(s):

Marfells groundsel, Cloudy Bay groundsel

Current Threat Status (2012):

Threatened - Nationally Endangered

Distribution:

Endemic. South Island, Marlborough, White Bluff to Marfells Beach

Habitat:

A strictly coastal species of steep sided, calcareous (papa) mudstone/siltstone cliff faces and canyons

Features*:

Perennial, prostrate to weakly ascending herb of calcareous siltstone (papa) cliffs. Plants basally woody otherwise subsucculent. Leaves sparsely hairy when young, glabrate, apetiolate, cuneate; 12-30 x 5-12 mm, dark green to purple-green above, usually purple beneath, elliptic-oblong to oblanceolate, deeply pinnatifid to 1-pinnate; segments 6-10-12, narrow-oblong, few-toothed or entire. Uppermost leaves similar but smaller and less divided. Supplementary bracts and calycular bracteoles 3-7, 2-3 mm long. Involucral bracts 11-13, 4-5 mm long, glabrous or sparsely hairy. Ray florets 0, disc 5-9 mm diameter, pale yellow. Cypselae 4.0-5.5 mm long, orange-brown to brown, narrowly oblong to narrowly oblong-elliptic, slightly narrowed at apex, ribs broad and rounded; grooves narrow, papillate hairs short, retrorse, in 1-2 sparse rows in grooves.

Flowering:

October - March

Fruiting:

December - May

Threats:

A narrow range endemic not currently threatened. However its habitat is vulnerable to weed invasion, and is naturally erosion prone. Populations therefore can fluctuate in size and extent over short periods of time. Current monitoring indicates there is no need for concern

***Attribution:**

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References and further reading:

Sykes, W. R. 1987: A new species of *Senecio* from New Zealand. *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 25: 611-613

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=679



Caption: Ex. Marfells Beach

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Caption: Close up, ex. Marfells Beach

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