



Wahlenbergia albomarginata subsp. *olivina*

Common Name(s):

Red Hills Harebell, Mt Dun Harebell

Current Threat Status (2012):

At Risk - Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (serpentine areas from Dun Mountain to the Red Hills, Richmond Range)

Habitat:

Montane. Confined to serpentinite open rock, scree, bare soils and within open shrubland.

Features*:

Perennial herb with radical, rosulate tufts of leaves, sometimes alternate on elongated stems (shade form). Leaves dark olive green to red-green above, usually purple beneath, more or less petiolate, entire inconspicuously dentate, lamina 10 × 2 to 40 × 10 mm, linear to elliptic or ovate to obovate, gradually narrowed to petiole as long as the lamina or longer, margins cartilaginous, upper surface bearing sparse to numerous white, stiff bristly hairs. Flowers insect-pollinated, narrowly campanulate-rotate, corolla pale flax blue to pale blue-violet, often with white zoning and deeper coloured veins, or all white, 10-30 mm diameter, 10-20 mm long, corolla tube 4 × 3 to 10 × 6 mm, lobes 6 × 3 to 12 × 5 mm; style equal in length to corolla tube, lobes 2 or 3. Calyx lobes less than 1/4 corolla length; capsule domed cylindric, 6-8 × 4 mm. Seeds 0.5 mm long, ellipsoid, smooth, glossy brown when mature.

Flowering:

November – April

Fruiting:

December - April

Threats:

A naturally uncommon, range restricted species abundant throughout its known habitats. There are no obvious threats.

*Attribution:

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References and further reading:

Petterson, J.A. 1997: Revision of the genus *Wahlenbergia* (Campanulaceae) in New Zealand. *New Zealand Journal of Botany* 35: 9-54.

For more information, visit:

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Caption: Dun Mt. (January)

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