



Scandia geniculata

Common Name(s):

Scandia

Current Threat Status (2012):

Not Threatened

Distribution:

Endemic. North and South Islands. In the North Island from Kapiti Island and Paekakariki south and east to about Tora, in the South Island from Marlborough to southern Otago.

Habitat:

Coastal to montane in rock strewn ground, at the base of talus slopes, on cliff faces, rock ledges and along river gorges, within tall and short tussock grassland and growing up through or intermixed with shrubs in grey scrub communities.

Features*:

Long creeping, lianoid, woody to subwoody, aromatic perennial shrub forming interwoven, tangled masses up to 3 x 3 m (especially when sprawling through other shrubs). Branches few, somewhat wiry and pliant, grooved, yellow green to glaucous green. Leaves alternate, juveniles and reversion shoots 1-3-foliolate, adult leaves 3-lobed or simple; petioles up to 10 mm long, often twisted, flexuous; basal sheaths broad, eitherside furnished with 2 blunt lobes; leaflets up to 12 mm diameter, dark green, yellow-green or glaucous green above, glaucous below, orbicular, rhomboid to reniform, truncate to cordate at base, crenulate to subentire, subcoriaceous. Umbels axillary and terminal, compound up to 10 mm diameter, on peduncles up to 20 mm long; rays 2-6, 5-9 mm long, slender. Calyx-tetth minute; petals white, flexed at apices. Mericarps 4.5-7.5 mm long, semi-glossy, pale orange-yellow, brown, dark yellow or orange, oblong or oblong-elliptic, apex rounded and flattened, style remnant twisted or recurve, base cordate, ribs 5, the 2 commissural broadly and evenly winged.

Flowering:

October - July

Fruiting:

December - June

Threats:

Not Threatened

*Attribution:

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Description based on Allan (1961 - as *Angelica geniculata*) and Dawson (1967)

References and further reading:

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For more information, visit:

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Caption: Prices Valley

Photographer: Peter de Lange



Caption: Flowers and foliage scrambling through *Muehlenbeckia complexa*. Birdlings Flat.

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