

Haastia recurva var. recurva

COMMON NAME

Haastia

SYNONYMS

Haastia recurva Hook.f.

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

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FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 60

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island: Marlborough

HABITAT

Subalpine to alpine screes,

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Dirty greyish-yellow to grey-coloured, summer-green, perennial plant forming rather densely to laxly branched, procumbent patches. Branches up to c.250 mm long; branchlets covered by sheathing bases of leaves, c.5 mm diameter. Leaves up to 20 × 10 mm, obovate, upper half somewhat thickened and strongly recurved, rugose, the whole clad in dense long fulvous to rufous hairs except adaxial portion of base; veins 5-10, anastomosing above. Receptacle c.3-5 mm. diameter; involucre bracts linear, tips recurved, under surface pilose. Achenes 2.5-3.0 mm. long, linear, compressed; pappus c.9 mm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguished from *Haastia pulvinaris* by the less compact, openly branched, distinctly leafy growth habit. *Haastia recurva* differs from *H. sinclairii* by the very strongly recurved leaves, and floccose rather than appressed to subappressed leaf tomentum. *Haastia recurva* var. *wallii* is chiefly distinguished from var. *recurva* by the small leaves and capitula; by the hairs which are mostly whiter and by the distinctly apiculate rather than linear, recurved involucre bracts



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FLOWERING

November - January

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Yellow

FRUITING

December – February

LIFE CYCLE

Pappate cypselae are dispersed by wind (Thorsen et al., 2009).

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Should not be removed from the wild

ETYMOLOGY

haastia: After Haast

recurva: Bent back

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ATTRIBUTION

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/haastia-recurva-var-recurva/>