

Haastia recurva var. wallii

COMMON NAME

Haastia

SYNONYMS

None (first described in 1918)

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Haastia recurva var. *wallii* Cockayne

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Data Deficient

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Data Deficient

2009 | Data Deficient

2004 | Range Restricted

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island: south Marlborough

HABITAT

Subalpine to alpine screes

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Dirty greyish-white, summer-green, perennial plant forming rather densely to laxly branched, procumbent patches. Branches up to c.200 mm long; branchlets covered by sheathing bases of leaves, c.3 mm diameter. Leaves up to 15 × 9 mm, obovate, upper half somewhat thickened and strongly recurved, rugose, the whole clad in dense long whitish hairs except for upper portion of base; veins 5-10, anastomosing above. Receptacle c.3-5 mm. diameter; involucral bracts linear, tips apiculate, 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. *recurva* is chiefly distinguished from var. *wallii* by the larger leaves and capitula; by the hairs which are greyish-yellow, fulvous to almost rufous and by the linear, recurved rather than distinctly apiculate involucral bracts.

FLOWERING

November - January



FRUITING

December – February

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Should not be removed from the wild

THREATS

Unknown - the status of this variety needs critical investigation. It is seemingly very uncommon but beyond that no clear threats to it are evident. In some parts of its range it may be threatened by feral goats.

ETYMOLOGY

haastia: After Haast

recurva: Bent back

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ATTRIBUTION

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. I, Government Printer, Wellington.

MORE INFORMATION

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