

Haastia sinclairii var. fulvida

COMMON NAME

Haastia

SYNONYMS

None (first described in 1961)

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Haastia sinclairii var. *fulvida* Allan

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island: Otago, Southland and Fiordland

HABITAT

Subalpine to alpine screes, talus and boulder falls

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Plant sparingly to much branched, decumbent to suberect. Branchlets up to c. 300 mm long, 4-6 mm. diameter. Leaves more or less patent, up to 30 × 5-10 mm, narrow-obovate to broad-obovate, subacute to rounded at apex, initially densely clad in fulvid to buff-coloured subappressed tomentum, bases glabrous or nearly so with age (subfloral leaves with more openly spreading tomentum), upper part slightly thickened, somewhat rugose; veins 5-10, anastomosing above. Capitula up to 20 mm diameter; receptacle 4-5 mm diameter. Involucral bracts lanceolate-oblong, with broad scarious margins, pilose on lower surface, c.10 mm long. Achenes c. 2 mm long, linear, distinctly ribbed, weakly compressed. Pappus c.9 mm long.

SIMILAR TAXA

Easily distinguished from *Haastia sinclairii* var. *sinclairii* by the fulvous-yellow to buff coloured rather than greyish-white to white tomentum.

FLOWERING

November - March

FRUITING

December - April



Gertrude saddle, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth, Licence: CC BY-NC.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Should not be removed from the wild

ETYMOLOGY

haastia: After Haast

sinclairii: After Sinclair (c. 1796–1861). Colonial Secretary and naturalist.

fulvida: Yellow

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-sinclairii-var-fulvida/>