

Ranunculus crassipes

SYNONYMS

None - has been included by some authors within *Ranunculus biternatus* Sm.

FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

AUTHORITY

Ranunculus crassipes Hook.f.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2004 | Range Restricted

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Macquarie Island. Present also on Heard and Kerguelen Islands

HABITAT

Common in bogs and seepages across Macquarie island.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial, glabrous, stoloniferous herb. Leaves including petioles 15-50(-150) mm long; lamina 3-12 mm diameter; dark green to bronze green, lobes acute 2-5-toothed. Flowers solitary; scape short, fleshy and stout. Sepals 5, 4.5-6 mm long. Petals 5-7, 4.5-5.5 mm long, yellow, oblanceolate to obovate-spathulate. Stamens numerous, 1.7-3 mm long. Carpels 12-20, glabrous. Achenes 1.5-1.7 mm long (excluding style), reddish-purple, turgid and smooth.

SIMILAR TAXA

Differs from *Ranunculus biternatus* Sm., by the typically much thicker ternate or ternatifid rather than biternate or biternatifid leaves.

FLOWERING

December - March

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

FRUITING

February - September



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PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Unknown from cultivation

THREATS

Abundant within its island habitats.

ETYMOLOGY

ranunculus: From the Latin 'rana' frog, meaning little frog and probably refers to the plants typical marshy habit where frogs abound

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ATTRIBUTION

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MORE INFORMATION

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