

Raoulia parkii

COMMON NAME

celadon mat daisy

SYNONYMS

None

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

NVS CODE

RAOPAR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 84

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Declining

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: EF

2004 | Not Threatened

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Small daisy with creeping stems, forming tight to open mats. Branchlets erect. Leaves broad, 3–5 mm long, 2 mm wide, angled at midrib, spreading to recurved at tips and closely overlapping. Flower heads small, 4–7 mm across. Plant covered with layers of pale-yellow to yellow-green hair (except near base), giving overall pale green appearance.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (east of the main divide).

HABITAT

Upland to subalpine open places, rocky ground, in grassland and fellfield.

SIMILAR TAXA

Raoulia subsericea, *R. hookeri*. *Raoulia parkii* has distinctive pale green colour and leaves which are broader, firmer and more closely overlapping than *R. subsericea*. *R. subsericea* is brighter green, while *R. hookeri* is grey.

FLOWERING

No information



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FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

FRUITING

No information

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easily grown from rooted pieces. Likes freely draining soil and hot sunny conditions. Intolerant of humidity.

ETYMOLOGY

raoulia: Named after Étienne Fiacre Louis Raoul (23 July 1815–30 March 1852) who was a French naval surgeon and naturalist. He published a book *Choix de plantes de la Nouvelle-Zélande* ("Selected plants of New Zealand") in 1846. The genus was named after him by Joseph Hooker.

ATTRIBUTION

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