

# Celmisia gracilenta

## COMMON NAME

Common mountain daisy, pekapeka

## FAMILY

Asteraceae

## AUTHORITY

*Celmisia gracilenta* Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Dicotyledonous Herbs - Composites

## NVS CODE

CELGRA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 108

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## FLOWER COLOURS

White, Yellow

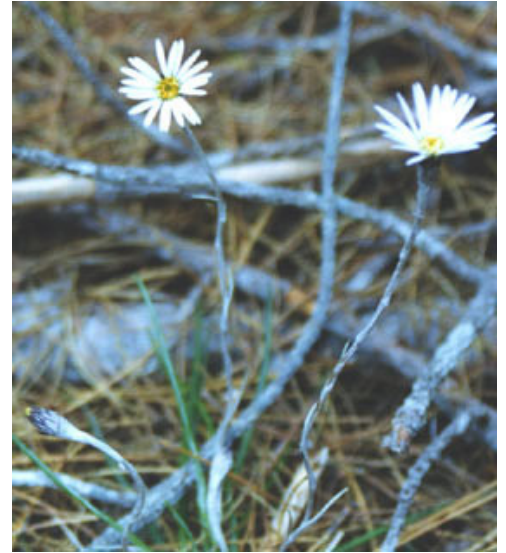
## LIFE CYCLE

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**celmisia**: Apparently named after Kelmis, one of Idaean Dactyls, a group of skilled mythical beings associated with the Mother Goddess Rhea in Greek mythology. Kelmis, whose name means 'casting', was a blacksmith and childhood friend of Zeus, son of Rhea and later king of the gods. In Ovid's 'Metamorphoses', Kelmis is described as offending Zeus who turned him into adamant so he was as hard as a tempered blade

**gracilenta**: Slender



*Celmisia gracilenta*. Photographer: Nick Singers



Desert Road. Nov 2008. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 2009 Vol. 11 No. 4 pp. 285-309

**MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/celmisia-gracilenta/>