

Haastia recurva var. recurva

COMMON NAMES

Haastia

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Dirty greyish-yellow to grey-coloured, summer-green, perennial plant forming rather densely to laxly branched, procumbent patches. Branches up to c.250 mm long; branchlets covered by sheathing bases of leaves, c.5 mm diameter. Leaves up to 20 × 10 mm, obovate, upper half somewhat thickened and strongly recurved, rugose, the whole clad in dense long fulvous to rufous hairs except adaxial portion of base; veins 5-10, anastomosing above. Receptacle c.3-5 mm. diameter; involucre bracts linear, tips recurved, 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. *wallii* is chiefly distinguished from var. *recurva* by the small leaves and capitula; by the hairs which are mostly whiter and by the distinctly apiculate rather than linear, recurved involucre bracts

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island: Marlborough and Canterbury

HABITAT

Subalpine to alpine screes,

GENUS

Haastia

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Haastia recurva Hook.f. var. *recurva*

SYNONYMS

Haastia recurva Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes



Craigieburn Skifield, Canterbury (leaf detail).
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ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

November - January

FRUITING

December – February

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

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

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Should not be removed from the wild

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ETYMOLOGY

haastia: After Haast

recurva: Bent back

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 60

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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ATTRIBUTION

Description adapted from Allan (1961)

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

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