

Orthotrichum angustifolium

COMMON NAMES

moss

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2025 | At Risk – Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT, IE

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CATEGORY

Non-vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Mosses

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Autoicous, tufted, saxicolous, blackish-green moss. Stems 5-10 mm tall, branched. Leaves 2.5-3.2 mm long, shorter below, suberect dry or wet, arising from a narrow insertion; lamina narrowly acuminate with blunt apices, bistratose above; margins plane, entire, multistratose below. Nerve usually indistinct above; failing below apex. Upper cells 10 microns, irregularly isodiametrical, smooth; basal cells shortly rectangular. Vaginula with a few short paraphyses, not or only indistinctly ochreate. Seta sessile. Perichaetial bracts rather long. Capsule 1.50-1.90 mm long, entirely immersed on the sessile seta; pyriform, coriaceous, exothecial cells strongly incrassate, smooth. Peristome single, rarely with a preperistome; teeth 16, pale, rather coarsely papillose, trabeculate on the ventral surface. Operculum conico-rostellate. Calyptra reddish brown, smooth plicate. Male inflorescence large, terminal at the end of very short branchlets, gemmiform.

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Widespread subantarctic species. In New Zealand known only from Campbell Island.

SUBSTRATE DETAILS

Saxicolous on rocks from sea level to alpine zone

THREATS

Not threatened. Within the New Zealand part of its range this species is restricted to a few locations on Campbell Island.

GENUS

Orthotrichum

FAMILY

Orthotrichaceae

AUTHORITY

Orthotrichum angustifolium Hook.f. & Wilson

SYNONYMS

Muelleriella angustifolia (Hook.f. et Wilson) Dusén

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FRUITING

Although fruit has been seen insufficient information exists to provide any details on the timing of fruiting



PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2014 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE, OL

2010 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: IE, OL

2005 | Range Restricted | Qualifiers: OL

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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