

Pleurophyllum criniferum

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: PD, RR

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledonous composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Orange, Purple, Red/Pink, Violet/Purple

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Radical leaves ascending, up to > 1 m long including petiole; lamina of diverse shape, usually of oblong-ovate to broadly lanceolate order, clad below in thin appressed white tomentum, above in scattered setose and moniliform hairs, submembr.; ribs up to 20, less prominent than in *P. speciosum*; margins rather distantly and obscurely crenate with conspicuous linear hydathodes. Scapes stout, grooved, up to 2 m tall; lower leaves linear-oblong, diminishing to linear bracts. Capitula c.15-30, in elongate racemes; ray-florets short, inconspicuous; disk-florets purple. Involucral bracts acuminate, ciliate. Achenes densely strigose. Pappus-hairs slightly thickened at tips

SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguished from *Pleurophyllum speciosum* by the submembranous, distinctly petioled leaves, and inconspicuous ray-florets. *Pleurophyllum hookeri* differs from both *P. criniferum* and *P. speciosum* by having leaves with both sides covered with silvery appressed tomentum.

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Auckland, Campbell and Antipodes Islands

HABITAT

Coastal and lower montane peaty herbfield

THREATS

A naturally uncommon endemic. Widespread within its island habitants. The subantarctic islands on which it occurs are Nature Reserves and World Heritage sites with access only by permit, and strictly limited as to numbers of people.

GENUS

Pleurophyllum

FAMILY

Asteraceae

AUTHORITY

Pleurophyllum criniferum Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

Pleurophyllum hombronii Decne; *Albinia oresigenesa* Homb. et Jacq. ex Decne

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes



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ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

FLOWERING

December – February

FRUITING

January – May

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Difficult. Should not be removed from the wild

ETYMOLOGY

pleurophyllum: From Greek pleuro- (rib, side) and phyllo- (leaf) components meaning 'ribbed-leaved'.

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Range Restricted

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Allan HH. 1961. Flora of New Zealand, Volume I. Indigenous Tracheophyta: Psilopsida, Lycopsidea, Filicopsida, Gymnospermae, Dicotyledones. Government Printer, Wellington, NZ. 1085 p.

ATTRIBUTION

Description adapted from: Allan, H.H. 1961: Flora of New Zealand

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pleurophyllum-criniferum/>

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