

Ranunculus crassipes

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Evaluated

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

FLOWER COLOURS

Yellow

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial, glabrous, stoloniferous herb. Leaves including petioles 15-50(-150) mm long; lamina 3-12 mm diameter; dark green to bronze green, lobes acute 2-5-toothed. Flowers solitary; scape short, fleshy and stout. Sepals 5, 4.5-6 mm long. Petals 5-7, 4.5-5.5 mm long, yellow, oblanceolate to obovate-spathulate. Stamens numerous, 1.7-3 mm long. Carpels 12-20, glabrous. Achenes 1.5-1.7 mm long (excluding style), reddish-purple, turgid and smooth.

SIMILAR TAXA

Differs from *Ranunculus biternatus* Sm., by the typically much thicker ternate or ternatifid rather than biternate or biternatifid leaves.

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Macquarie Island. Present also on Heard and Kerguelen Islands

HABITAT

Common in bogs and seepages across Macquarie island.

THREATS

Abundant within its island habitats.

GENUS

Ranunculus

FAMILY

Ranunculaceae

AUTHORITY

Ranunculus crassipes Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

None - has been included by some authors within *Ranunculus biternatus* Sm.

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No



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FLOWERING

December - March

FRUITING

February - September

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Unknown from cultivation

ETYMOLOGY

ranunculus: From the Latin 'rana' frog, meaning little frog and probably refers to the plants typical marshy habit where frogs abound

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: RR

2004 | Range Restricted

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ATTRIBUTION

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