

Crassula sieberiana

SYNONYMS

Tillaea sieberiana Schultes et Schultes.f.

FAMILY

Crassulaceae

AUTHORITY

Crassula sieberiana (Schultes et Schultes f.) Druce

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

CRASIE

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous: New Zealand: Three Kings, North, South, Chatham Islands (also Australia)

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Short-lived perennial or annual herb forming dull green, pink, reddish-green or red clumps; stems 10-50(-200) mm long, sprawling, ± decumbent, suberect to erect, slender, sometimes rooting at nodes in moist conditions, much-branched. Leaves connate at base, 2.0-2.5(-4.0) × 0.5-0.7(-1.0) mm, c.0.7 mm thick, lanceolate or ovate-lanceolate, flattened above, convex beneath; apex acute. Flowers in small cymose clusters in lf axils, not star-like or fragrant, 4-merous, 2-3 mm diameter; pedicels < 1 mm long at anthesis, to c.2 mm long and ± = leaves at fruiting. Calyx lobes c.1.0-1.2 × 0.7-0.8 mm, very broadly ovate, acute to short-acuminate. Petals c.0.8-0.9 × 0.5-0.6 mm, broadly ovate, green or reddish green with pink tips, shortly acuminate, slightly < calyx lobes. Scales c.0.3 mm long, very narrowly spatulate. Follicles smooth. Seed 0.3-0.5 mm long.

FLOWERING

August - December

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Red/Pink



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FRUITING

October - March

LIFE CYCLE

Minute follicles are dispersed by wind and water and possibly also by attachment (Thorsen et al., 2009).

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed but very short-lived.

ETYMOLOGY

crassula: From the Latin crassus 'thick', meaning 'rather thick'

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

ATTRIBUTION

Description modified from Webb et al. (1988)

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/crassula-sieberiana/>