



RAYLESS

Closeup of the capitula of Pleurophyllum criniferum Hook.f., which lacks ray florets. The purple disk florets (rarely yellow) may be a synapomorphy uniting the subantarctic endemics genera Pleurophyllum Hook.f. and Damnamenia Given. Image taken in Campbell Island, New Zealand

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MEGAHERBS

Pleurophyllum speciosum Hook.f. in flower in a megaherb field with Bulbinella rossii (Hook.f.) Mottet. Image taken in Campbell Island, New Zealand.

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RAY BEARER

Close-up of the capitula of Pleurophyllum speciosum Hook.f showing colourful disk and ray florets. Vast meadows of Pleurophyllum speciosum are a stunning vista on Campbell Island. Colourful flowers are not a common occurrence in New Zealand, which is known for predominately white flowers.

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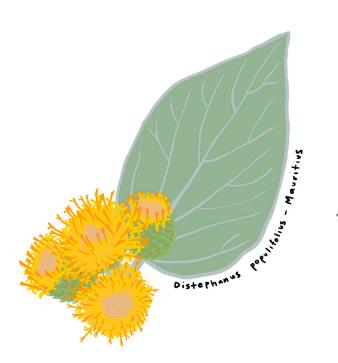
LIZZIE ROEBLE'S ART GALLERY of Island COMPS



BIDENS COSMOIDES >

The spectacular Bidens cosmoides Sherff is a woody climber that is endemic to the high-elevation rainforests of Kaua'i Island on the Hawaiian archipelago. The capitula of this species are quite unique for the genus: the large pendent heads drop downward and have elongated styles that attract bird pollinators. Unfortunately, Bidens cosmoides is an endangered species.

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◆ DISTEPHANUS POPULIFOLIUS

This woody shrub is endemic to Mauritius in the Indian Ocean, the species is rare and only found on a few mountaintops on the island. Distephanus populifolius (Lam.) Cass. is a striking plant notable for the dense silver, white tomentum covering the underside of the leaves and golden yellow corollas, a color unusual in Vernonieae

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