

STYLE

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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 *Damnomenia* 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.

Phil Garnock-Jones

**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. Image taken in Campbell Island, New Zealand

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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.

Lizzie Roebke



◀ **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 Vernoniaeae.

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