

Argyrotegium fordianum



Argyrotegium fordianum.
Tasmanian Herbarium specimen.

FAMILY: ASTERACEAE

BOTANICAL NAME: *Argyrotegium fordianum*, (M.Gray) J.M.Ward & Breitw., *N.Z. J. Bot.* 41: 609 (2003)

COMMON NAME: soft cottonleaf

COMMONWEALTH STATUS: (*EPBC Act*) Not Listed

TASMANIAN STATUS: (*TSP Act*) rare

Description

An underground stem forming (rhizomatous), tufted perennial forb that is sometimes mat-like. **Leaves:** The leaves arise mostly from the base of the plant and are crowded towards the branch-tips. They are between 1.5-4 cm long and 5-10 mm wide. Both leaf surfaces are silvery-grey with dense cottony hairs. **Flowers:** The flowering stems are erect or sloping upward and between 4-9 cm tall (up to 15 cm in fruit) with 4-10 leaves only slightly smaller than the ones at the base of the plant. The flowerheads are arranged in clusters as the ends of the flowering stems. Each flowerhead contains between 5-15 florets. Flowering is from December to February (Flora of Victoria). **Fruit:** The fruit is small, dry, leathery and hairless, between 1.3-1.5 mm long (description from Walsh & Entwistle 1999). **This species was previously known as *Euchiton fordianus* or *Gnaphalium fordianum*.**

Ecology and Management

There is currently no information available regarding the ecology and management of this species.

Conservation Status Assessment

Reassessment of *Argyrotegium fordianum* may be warranted due to the paucity of records though more information is required for a meaningful reassessment.

Further Information

- Walsh, NG & Entwistle, TJ eds 1999, *Flora of Victoria*, Volume 4, Inkata Press, Melbourne.

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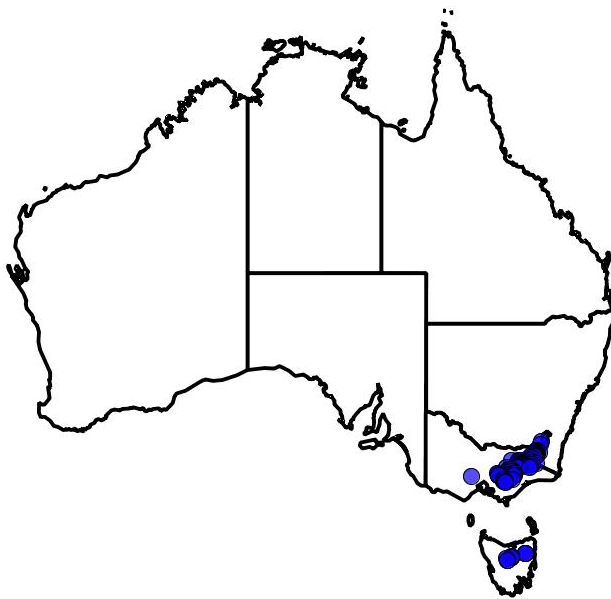
Survey Time and Habitat Guide (*black = best, dark grey = possible, light grey with slash=poor time to survey, as guided by collection dates of specimens and records*)

<i>Argyrotegium fordianum</i>	Spring						Summer						Autumn				Winter							
soft cottonleaf	S	S	O	O	N	N	D	D	J	J	F	F	M	M	A	A	M	M	J	J	J	J	A	A

- This mat-forming herb flowers from December to February (Flora of Victoria). Most herbarium specimens have been collected from January to March. Inflorescences are required for identification.
- This species has been recorded from grassy depressions in subalpine and alpine heathland.

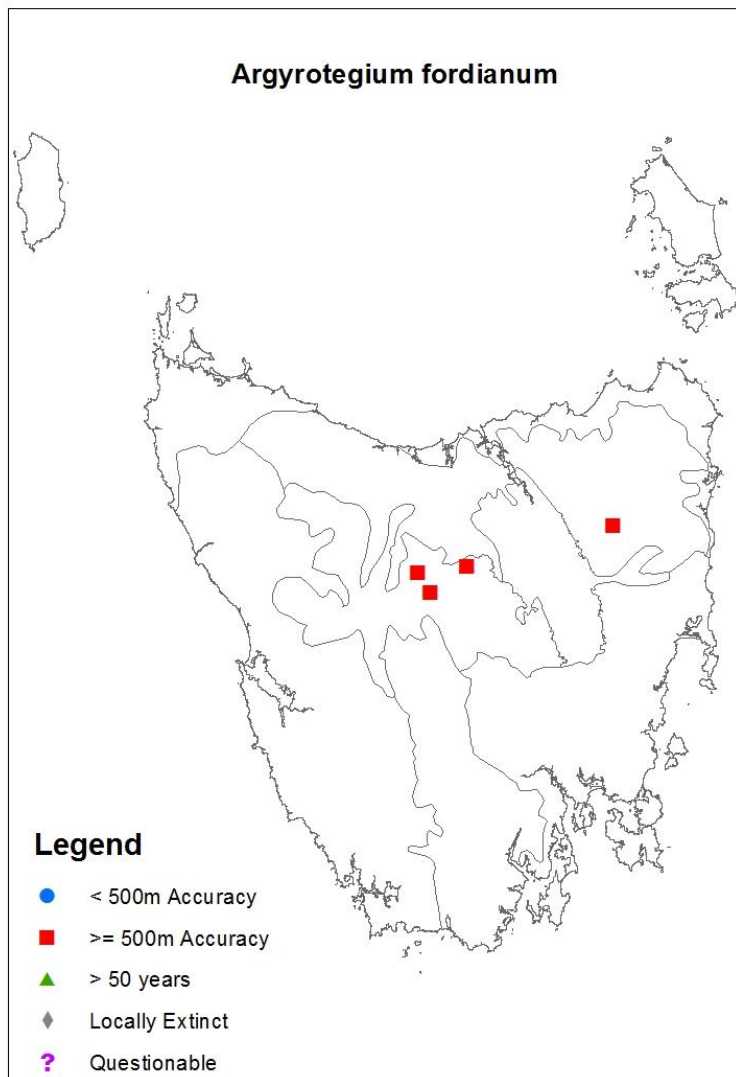
Distribution

(Atlas of Living Australia 14/9/2016)



Tasmanian Distribution

(Natural Values Atlas May 2015)



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