

Geoff Kelly (1972) and John Thompson (1977) both recorded *G. grisebachii* from Devils Gate reserve. There is too a specimen of *G. grisebachii* collected by T. Kirk, and labelled by him *G. montana*, from Lake Road, Lincoln (WELT 43451 and duplicate CHR 262987). Armstrong's *G. montana* record may have referred to either *G. serotina* or *G. grisebachii* but there is no doubt that gentians are alive and well on Banks Peninsula.

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TRAVERSIA BACCHAROIDES

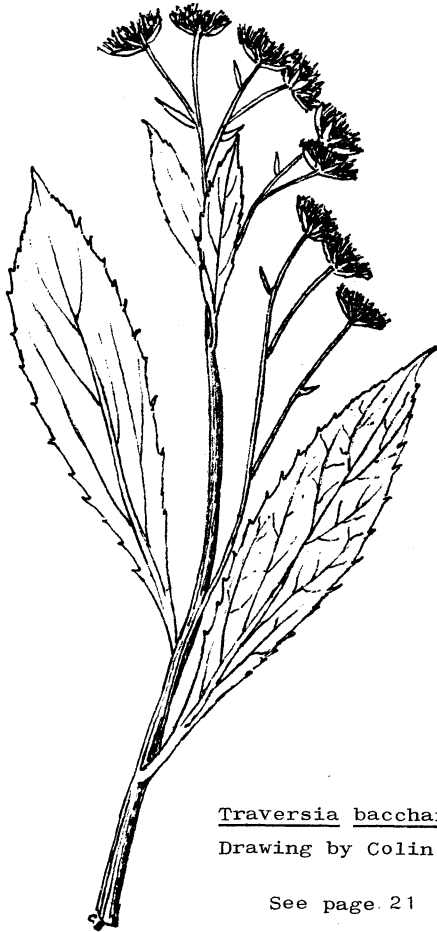
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Has anyone seen Traversia baccharoides within the boundaries of Arthurs Pass National Park recently? We have some old records (J.B. Armstrong, Poulter Gorge, 1867; J.von Haast, Poulter Gorge, 1868) but none in recent times.

Traversia, a glabrous-leaved daisy shrub, occurs rather locally from the eastern Waimakariri and Hurunui valleys northward into Marlborough and Nelson. Arnold Wall collected it at Mt White in 1919 and I found specimens in the Esk River and Upper Ashley valley in 1957. It may still occur in the Poulter catchment. Several other species reach their southern limits there also. Traversi often grows on rock faces in gorges or at forest margins. Please let me know if you find it in the park.

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Olearia capillaris This divaricate species, found some time ago by Peter Wardle in the Thompson River (Poulter Valley), is common on Harpers Pass. Furthermore it hybridizes freely there with O. ilicifolia and O. arborescens. A wide range of leaf forms is present.



Traversia baccharoides

Drawing by Colin Burrows.

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