

LOCALITY RECORDS FOR *RANUNCULUS GODLEYANUS*

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Following up Mike Harding's article on the beautiful yellow-flowered alpine plant, *Ranunculus godleyanus*, here are some apparently previously unrecorded locations for it.

1. Rough Creek Basin, Arthurs Pass. Grid Reference NZMS 260 K33/916063.

This is an interesting place for the species; Fisher (1965) predicted that *R. godleyanus* should occur near Mt Rolleston because of rare finds of a presumed hybrid between it and white-flowered *R. lyallii* in the area. The hybrids (= *R. "traversii"*), have cream flowers and sub-entire leaves (like both putative parents).

2. Back Basin Creek, Avoca River, Rakaia catchment. Grid Reference NZMS 260 K34/837910.
3. Popes Creek, near Browning's Pass, Wilberforce River, Rakaia catchment. Grid Reference NZMS 260 K33/756048.

When I was a child my father had a *R. godleyanus* plant in our garden in Methven, which he had obtained from somewhere west of Mt Algidus (between the Wilberforce and Mathias tributaries of the Rakaia River). However, the source locality cannot be pinpointed more closely.

I have also seen a photograph, by Trevor Chinn, of *R. godleyanus* on moraine in the head of the Callery River, in South Westland.

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