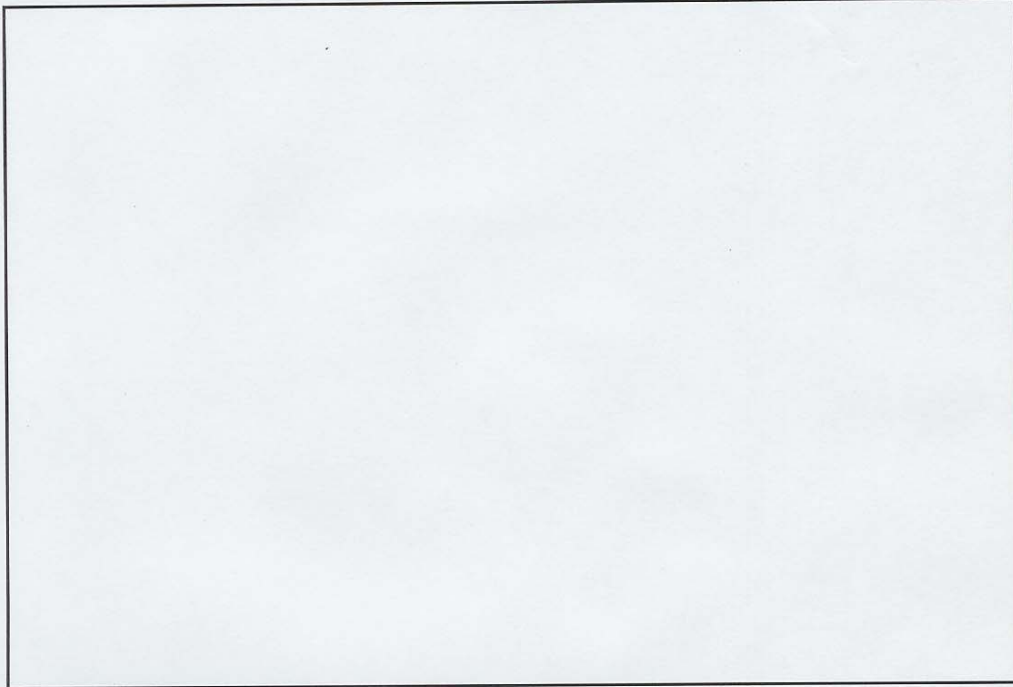


# *Helichrysum lerniraioides*

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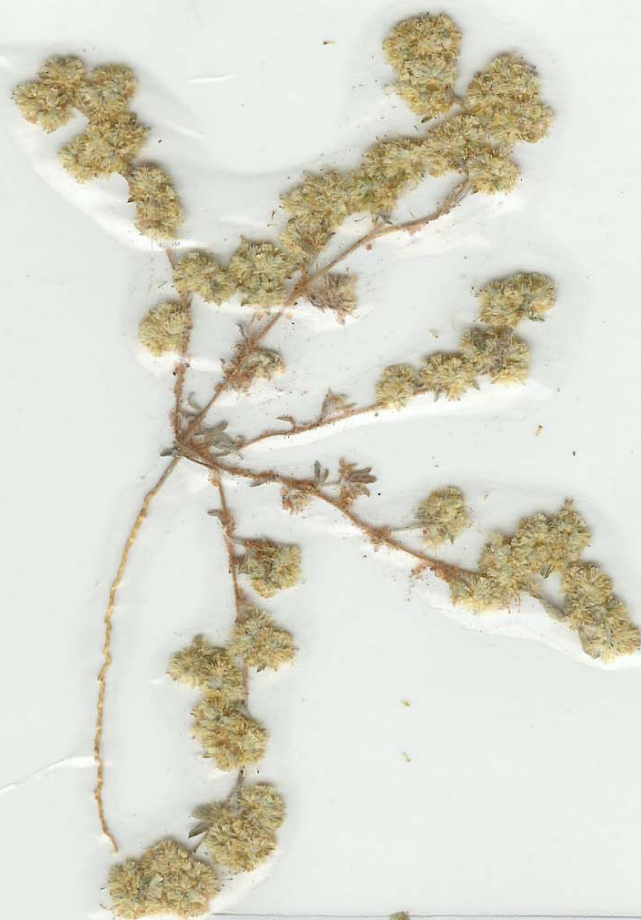
**Family:** Asteraceae



**Collection Number:** 109

**Description:** A small, inconspicuous prostrate annual creeper. Some branches decumbent. The inflorescence is composed of tiny, creamy yellow flowers forming a dense ball. Leaves are small and lanceolate, almost scale-like, and dark green covered in fine white hairs. They tend to crowd round the inflorescence, growing rather sparsely along the stems.

**Habitat:** This species was found growing on the Chateau Plain where it was locally common but to date has not been recorded elsewhere. It grows amongst *Stipagrostis* grasses, which make it inconspicuous and it may be easily overlooked. Little information is at present available about this species.



**WOLWEDANS HERBARIUM (NRNR)**

**NAME:** *Helichrysum lerniraioides*

**Collection No:** 109

**Date:** 05/08/01

**Collector:** Louise Clapham

**Grid ref.:** 2515 Bb

**Locality:** Chateau Plain, approx. halfway between dunes and rain gauge.

**Habitat:** Open plain, coarse sand, full sun.

**Plant features:** Small prostrate annual herb. Tiny flowers, creamy yellow, tightly clustered in a ball-like inflorescence. Leaves tiny, lanciolate.

**Other notes:** Uncommon



INBRI - Collection Data Form

Collectors No. 109 Date 05.03.2001  
 Collectors Louise Clapham GPS  
 Locality (please describe property, not just grid/gps) Walsby farm, Chateau plain E 1/2 way between dunes + rain gauge Grid 2515 Bb  
 Aspect Slope level Exposure full sun Altitude ± 950 m  
 Voucher for Photo no's

DESCRIPTION OF PLANT Please give as much information as possible

Species *Helichrysum ternstroemioides* Perennial/Annual

Habit (eg: dwarf shrub) Prostrate creeping

Height — cm Occurrence (eg: common) Locally common

Flower/Inflorescence (colour, shape, size, smell, texture) Flowers creamy yellow, tiny, clustered densely in a round inflorescence

Leaves (simple/compound, margin, shape, colour, texture, stipules) Tiny, dark green, covered in fine white hairs lanceolate, margin entire, grow around the flowers, semi single leaves on stem

Stems and bark (colour, texture, habit - eg: erect stem with yellow peeling papery bark - presence or absence and smell of sap or latex - eg: milky latex with unpleasant smell) Dark brown/reddish  
~~erect~~ Prostrate but some ends of stems arising erect  
 fine hairs on younger growth supporting inflorescence

Fruits and seed (presence/absence, shape, colour, edibility and taste if edible, single or clustered maturity)

Roots/Underground organs (shape, texture, colour, size)  
 Central tap root with minor lateral roots from it

Other (eg: uses, ecology)

Indigenous names and languages



Site		Substrate	Soil type	Moisture	Biotic effect
road	riverbank/ streambank	soil ✓	sandy ✓		road/railside
rain/hill peak	seepage area	stony/rocky soil	sandy loam	well-drained ✓	cultivated land
rain/hill	waterfall/ rapids	gravel	loam	seasonally waterlogged	abandoned land
valley	littoral	termite mound	humus- rich	permanently waterlogged	heavily grazed
tree	unknown	bare rock	loamy clay	moist/damp	garden
pool		water	clay	freestanding water	plantation
forest	Vegetation	roots	calcrete	running water	recently burnt
high street	desert ✓	other	black turf	mist/fog	disturbed - other
	shrubland open/closed		salt/brack		other
karoo	woodland open/closed		gravel		
	thornbush savanna		dolomite		
	forest		granite		
	grassland ✓		lime		
river/gully	karoo		mica schist		
dry pan			quartzite		
			other		
lagoon					
wetland					

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immature		ethnobotanic		
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