

Agrostis personata

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island south from East Cape, mainly in mountains but extending to near sea level in the Wairarapa. South Island, common mainly in the west and in Fiordland but also present though scattered throughout the east.

HABITAT

Lowland to alpine in forest, forest margins, under scrub or within tussock grassland, in dry or damp sites, occasionally found in peat bogs.

GENUS

Agrostis

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Agrostis personata Edgar

SYNONYMS

Agrostis dyeri var. delicatior Hack.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Florets are dispersed by wind and water (Thorsen et al., 2009).

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and the division of whole plants. In suitable conditions can become invasive.

ETYMOLOGY

agrostis: Greek name for a kind of grass

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to the grasses of New Zealand](#)

NVS CODE

AGRPES

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42



PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the "[Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025](#)" Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285–309.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/agrostis-personata/>

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