

Aira caryophyllea subsp. caryophyllea

COMMON NAMES

silvery hair grass

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Small annual grass growing in dull green or reddish-green, erect tufts. Long ligule. Spiklets very small and silvery on hair-like branches. Each spiklet has two awns which cross.

GENUS

Aira

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Aira caryophyllea L. subsp. *caryophyllea*

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1870

ORIGIN

Eurasia

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

NVS CODE

AIRCSC

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/aira-caryophyllea-subsp-caryophyllea/>

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