

Aira caryophyllea subsp. multiculmis

COMMON NAMES

silvery hair grass

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Annual grass growing in dull green or reddish-green, erect tufts up to 50 cm tall. Long ligule. Spikelets very small and silvery on hair-like branches. Each spikelet has two awns which cross.

HABITAT

Sandy waste land, cliffs, banks, rocky grassland, roadsides

GENUS

Aira

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Aira caryophyllea L. subsp. *multiculmis* (Dumort.) Bonnier et Layens

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ORIGIN

South-western Europe

NVS CODE

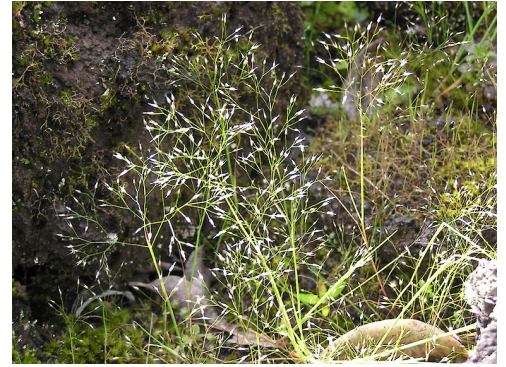
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MORE INFORMATION

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

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