

Chionochloa cheesemanii

COMMON NAME

narrow-leaved bush tussock

SYNONYMS

Danthonia raoulii var. *cheesemanii* Hack.; *Danthonia flavescens* var. *cheesemanii* (Hack.) Zotov

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Chionochloa cheesemanii (Hack.) Zotov

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

CHICHE

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

LIFE CYCLE

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

ETYMOLOGY

chionochloa: Snow grass

cheesemanii: Named after Thomas Frederick Cheeseman (1846 - 15 October 1923) who was a New Zealand botanist and naturalist who, in 1906, produced *The Manual of the New Zealand Flora*.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen, M. J.; Dickinson, K. J. M.; Seddon, P. J. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285-309



Aorangi Forest Park. Sep 2007. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Aorangi Range. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/chionochloa-cheesemaniai/>