Chionochloa rigida subsp. amara

COMMON NAMES
narrow-leaved snow tussock

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses



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CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Grasses

GENUS
Chionochloa

FAMILY
Poaceae

AUTHORITY
Chionochloa rigida subsp. amara Connor

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

ETYMOLOGY
chionochloa: Snow grass
rigida: Rigid
amara: From the Latin amarus 'bitter'

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY
Key to the grasses of New Zealand

NVS CODE
CHIRSA

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 42

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES
2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

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.

MORE INFORMATION

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/chionochloa-rigida-subsp-amara/

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