

Echinopogon ovatus

COMMON NAME

Forest hedgehog grass, hedgehog grass

SYNONYMS

Agrostis ovata G.Forst.; *Cinna ovata* (G.Forst.) Kunth; *E. purpurascens* Gran.; *E. novae-zelandiae* Grand.

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Echinopogon ovatus (G.Forst.) P.Beauv.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

ECHOVA

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

LIFE CYCLE

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

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed. Does best in a sheltered, sunny site, in free draining soil enriched with lime.

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

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

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/echinopogon-ovatus/>



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Close up of *Echinopogon ovatus*. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth