

Festuca trachyphylla

COMMON NAMES

hard fescue

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Clump-forming ornamental grass noted for its glaucous, finely-textured, blue-grey foliage.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Violet/Purple

SIMILAR TAXA

This species was recognised first in New Zealand by K Ford at Landcare Research, Lincoln, Canterbury. She reidentified specimens collected as *F. glauca* in Dec. 2015 as *F. trachyphylla* in Jan 2019, and has found other, earlier collections, filed as *F. ovina*.

GENUS

Festuca

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Festuca trachyphylla (Hack.) Krajina

SYNONYMS

This species appeared in NZPCN previously as *F. glauca*, which is a different species. It has also sometimes been collected as *F. ovina*.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

festuca: From the Latin festuca 'stem' or 'blade of grass'

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/festuca-trachyphylla/>

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Whareroa, L Taupo; driveway edge, planted (at back) + seedlings by wall. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 12/12/2015, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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