

Luzula banksiana var. banksiana

COMMON NAMES

coastal woodrush

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, White

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North and South Islands. From Bream Head in the East and the Waitakere Ranges south.

GENUS

Luzula

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Luzula banksiana Meyer var. *banksiana*

SYNONYMS

Luzula picta A.Rich. var. *banksiana* (Meyer) Buch.; *Luzula capestris* (L.) D.C. var. *banksiana* (Meyer) Buch.

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

luzula: Latinized form of the Italian vernacular name (*lucciola*) for this plant

banksiana: Named after Sir Joseph Banks, 1st Baronet, GCB, PRS (24 February 1743 - 19 June 1820) was an English naturalist, botanist and patron of the natural sciences.

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 12



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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Endangered | Qualifiers: Sp, DPR, DPS, DPT, PF, RR Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the [“Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland”](#) Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Data Deficient 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/luzula-banksiana-var-banksiana/>

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