# Microlaena avenacea

## **COMMON NAME**

bush rice grass, oat grass

#### **SYNONYMS**

Diplax avenacea Raoul; Microlaena avenacea (Raoul) Hook.f. var. avenacea; Ehrharta diplax F.Muell.

#### **FAMILY**

Poaceae

## **AUTHORITY**

Microlaena avenacea (Raoul.) Hook.f.

## **FLORA CATEGORY**

Vascular - Native

#### **ENDEMIC TAXON**

No

#### **ENDEMIC GENUS**

No

#### **ENDEMIC FAMILY**

No

#### STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## **NVS CODE**

**MICAVE** 

## **CHROMOSOME NUMBER**

2n = 48

## **CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS**

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

# **PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES**

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

# **WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING**

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-

wetlands).

# MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

Key to the grasses of New Zealand

#### **ETYMOLOGY**

microlaena: Small cover (outer scales of spikelet)

avenacea: Oat-like

## WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally offered by specialist native plant nurseries.

#### **MORE INFORMATION**

https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/microlaena-avenacea/





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