

# 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

MICA VE

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## 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/>



Coromandel, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Hayward Scenic Reserve, Lower Hutt. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe