

Oplismenus hirtellus subsp. imbecillis

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

GENUS

Oplismenus

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Oplismenus hirtellus subsp. *imbecillis* (R.Br.) U.Scholz.

SYNONYMS

Orthopogon imbecillis R.Br.; *Oplismenus imbecillis* (R.Br.) Roem. et Schult.; *Panicum imbecille* (R.Br.) Trin.; *Oplismenus hirtellus* var. *imbecillis* (R.Br.) Fosberg et Sachet; *Oplismenus hirtellus* subsp. *imbecillis* (R.Br.) U.Scholz

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

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

CULTIVATION

Occasionally sold by specialist native plant nurseries.

ETYMOLOGY

oplisminus: From the greek hoplismos (weapon), referring to the spiked awns

hirtellus: A little hairy

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to the grasses of New Zealand](#)

NVS CODE

OPLHSI

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 54



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Sheath, ligule, and leaf base. Specimen from Raglan. Jun 2012. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Licence: CC BY-NC.

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 Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT 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.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/oplismenus-hirtellus-subsp-imbecillis/>

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