

Pentapogon inaequiglumis

COMMON NAMES

short-hair plume grass

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: Sp, DPR, DPS, DPT, SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. Common from Te Paki south of Auckland. Local south of there until the Wairarapa and Wellington where it is very common. South Island common in Nelson, Marlborough and Westland. Also known from single records from Stewart (2000) and Rekohu (Chatham Island) (2008). Also in eastern Australia and Tasmania

THREATS

Not Threatened but often uncommon over large parts of its range.

GENUS

Pentapogon

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Pentapogon inaequiglumis (Hack. ex Cheeseman) P.M. Peterson, Romasch. et Soreng

SYNONYMS

Dichelachne sciurea var. *inaequiglumis* Hack.. *D. micrantha* var. *inaequiglumis* (Hack.) Domin, *Dichelachne inaequiglumis* (Hack.) Edgar et Connor

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Florets are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed. Short-lived but self sows readily and can become invasive. Good in dry clay soils.

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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NVS CODE

PENINA

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 70

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, SO, Sp

2012 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DP, SO, Sp

2009 | At Risk – Naturally Uncommon

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Threatened – Regionally Vulnerable | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, EF, PF, RR, SO, Sp, TL
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.

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285–309.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/pentapogon-inaequiglumis/>

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