

# Poa colensoi

## COMMON NAME

blue tussock

## SYNONYMS

*Poa colensoi* Hook.f. var. *colensoi*; *Poa colensoi* var. *intermedia* Cheeseman; *Poa intermedia* Buchanan; *Poa guthrie-smithiana* Petrie; *Poa colenoi* var. *breviligulata* Petrie

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Poa colensoi* Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

POACOL

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

$2n = 28$

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## ETYMOLOGY

**poa**: Meadow grass

**colensoi**: Named after William Colenso (7 November 1811 - 10 February 1899) who was a Cornish Christian missionary to New Zealand, and also a printer, botanist, explorer and politician.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/poa-colensoi/>



Mt Taranaki, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



Cobb Valley.