

Poa cookii

COMMON NAMES

Cook's poa

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Evaluated

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous: Macquarie Island (Australian Territory but part of New Zealand Botanical Region), Iles Kerguelen, Herald and Prince Edward Islands

THREATS

This is a Macquarie Island endemic and occurs in the New Zealand Botanical Region but it is not encompassed by the New Zealand threat classification process as Macquarie is under the management of Australia. Cats, rats, mice and rabbits introduced by sealers in the early 1800s posed a significant threat to species endemic to Macquarie Island and when cats were initially eradicated nearly a century later there was an explosion in rabbit numbers. Further efforts were made to remove rodent pests by the Australian Government and in 2014 Macquarie was declared pest free.

GENUS

Poa

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Poa cookii (Hook.f.) Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

Festuca cookii Hook.f.; *Poa hamiltonii* Kirk

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Unknown

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.



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ETYMOLOGY

poa: Meadow grass

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

NVS CODE

POACOO

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Evaluated

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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