

Poa imbecilla

COMMON NAMES

weak poa

BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

GENUS

Poa

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Poa imbecilla Spreng

SYNONYMS

Poa sprengelii Kunth; Eragrostis imbecilla (Spreng.) Benth.; Poa imbecilla Spreng. var. imbecilla; Poa matthewsii var. minor Petrie

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

ETYMOLOGY

poa: Meadow grass

imbecilla: Weak

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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NVS CODE

POAIMB

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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Close up of Poa imbecilla in pot. Photographer: Alan Stewart, Licence: CC BY-NC.



In cultivation ex Rangitoto Island. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 26/10/2007, Licence: CC BY.

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Declining | Qualifiers: CD, DPR, DPS, DPT, EF, PF 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.

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: TL Help

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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