

# Poa kirkii

## COMMON NAMES

Kirk's 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 kirkii* Buchanan

## SYNONYMS

*Poa kirkii* Buchanan var. *kirkii*; *Poa machayi* Buchanan; *Poa kirkii* var. *mackayi* (Buchanan) Hack.; *Poa kirkii* var. *collinsii* Hack, *Poa mackayi* Buchanan

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

## ETYMOLOGY

**poa**: Meadow grass

**kirkii**: After Thomas Kirk (18 January 1828 - 8 March 1898), a NZ botanist and lecturer in natural sciences and regarded as a leader of botanical enquiry in NZ for over three decades. One of his most significant publications was Forest flora of NZ (1889) but he also contributed over 130 papers to the Transactions and Proceedings of the NZ Institute and other journals.

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## NVS CODE

POAKIR

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28



## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the "[Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025](#)" Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

## MORE INFORMATION

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

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