Poa lindsayi

COMMON NAMES
Lindsay's poa

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS
2023 | Not Threatened
Jump to previous conservation statuses

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Grasses

SIMILAR TAXA
Similar to *Poa tonsa*, which has the hairs on the lemma extending only about ½ way towards the tip. The spikes of *P. lindsayi* are usually held futher above the leaves and on longer branchlets giving a more delicate appearance. The leaves of *P. tonsa* can also be folded in a similar fashion to *P. lindsayi*, but are wider and with a distinctly curved tip. The leaves of *P. lindsayi* are coloured green or brown, those of *P. tonsa* are frequently a glacuous-purple. Depauperate plants can be similar to *P. maniototo*, which has a very compact head and a large ligule (easily visible to the naked eye).

GENUS
Poa

FAMILY
Poaceae

AUTHORITY
Poa lindsayi Hook.f.

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

WHERE TO BUY
Not commercially available

ETYMOLOGY
poa: Meadow grass

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY
Key to the grasses of New Zealand

NVS CODE
POALIN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 28

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened
2012 | Not Threatened
2009 | Not Threatened
2004 | Not Threatened
Jump to current conservation status

REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Declining | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, NStr, Sp, TL 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-lindsayi/

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