

Poa novae-zelandiae

COMMON NAMES

drooping 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 novae-zelandiae Hack.

SYNONYMS

Poa novae-zelandiae Hack. var. *novae-zelandiae*; *Poa novae-zelandiae* Hack. forma *novae-zelandiae*; *Poa foliosa* var. â Hook.f.; *Poa foliosa* var. ã Buchanan; *Poa novae-zelandiae* forma *laxiuscula* Hack.; *Poa novae-zelandiae* forma *humilior* Hack.; *Poa novae-zelandiae* var. *wallii* Cheeseman

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ETYMOLOGY

poa: Meadow grass

novae-zelandiae: Of New Zealand

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

NVS CODE

POANOV

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28



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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-novae-zelandiae/>

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