

Poa tonsa

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Poa tonsa Edgar

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

POATON

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

SIMILAR TAXA

Similar to *Poa lindsayi*, which has the hairs on the lemma extending further towards the tip. The spikes are usually held further 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 glaucous-purple

ETYMOLOGY

poa: Meadow grass

tonsa: Means shaved or smooth

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

MORE INFORMATION

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



Old Man Range (from a specimen collected by Graeme Jane). Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Spikelets. Old Man Range (from a specimen collected by Graeme Jane). Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe