

Rostkovia magellanica

COMMON NAMES

rostkovia

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Red/Pink

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. South Island (Otago and Fiordland), Auckland Islands and Campbell Island/Motu Ihupuku. Also in southern South America, Falkland and Georgia Islands.

THREATS

Not Threatened. However rather local in its occurrences in the South Island.

GENUS

Rostkovia

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Rostkovia magellanica (Lam.) Hook.f.

SYNONYMS

Juncus magellanicus Lam., *Rostkovia sphaerocarpa* Desv.

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Not known

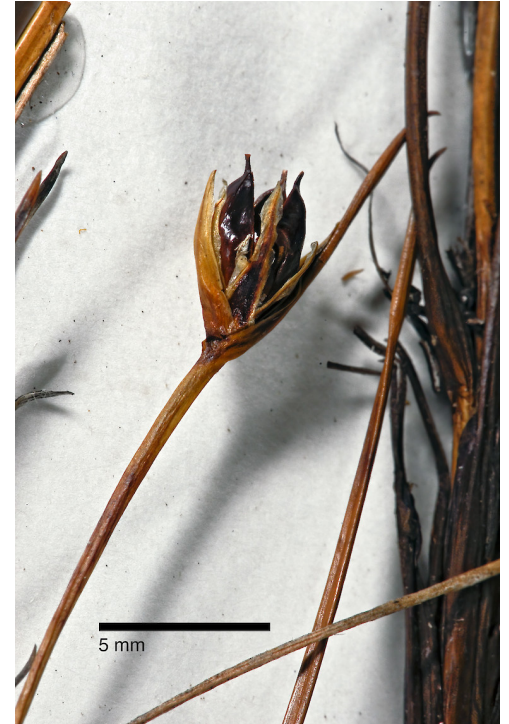
WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available



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ETYMOLOGY

rostkovia: After Rostkov

magellanica: Named after the Magellan Straits in southern South America

NVS CODE

ROSMAG

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 56

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2025 | Regionally At Risk – Regionally Naturally Uncommon | Qualifiers: DPR, DPS, DPT, NR, NS, RR 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/rostkovia-magellanica/>

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