

Rytidosperma australe

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

DISTRIBUTION

.Indigenous. North Island, Raukumara, Ruahine and Tararua Ranges. South Island, North-West Nelson and east of the main divide. Also in Australia

GENUS

Rytidosperma

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Rytidosperma australe (Petrie) Connor et Edgar

SYNONYMS

Triodia australis Petrie, Erythranthera australis (petrie) Zotov, Danthonia petriei Zotov, Triodia australis var. mucronulata Hack., Danthonia australis var. mucronulata (Hack.) Zotov

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

ETYMOLOGY

rytidosperma: Wrinkled seed

australe: Southern, from the Latin australis

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

NVS CODE

RYTAUS

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 24



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 Not Threatened | Qualifiers: 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/rytidosperma-australe/>

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