Rytidosperma setifolium

COMMON NAMES
bristle tussock, mountain danthonia

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

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

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Grasses

DISTRIBUTION
.Endemic. North Island from Te Moehau, Mt Pirongia and the Raukumara Range south. South Island throughout

HABITAT
Montane to alpine mainly in grassland, herb and fell-field, but also on rocky bluffs, especially in the northern part of its range.

GENUS
Rytidosperma

FAMILY
Poaceae

AUTHORITY
Rytidosperma setifolium (Hook.f.) Connor et Edgar

SYNONYMS
Danthonia semiannularis var. setifolia Hook.f., D. setifolia (Hook.f) Cockayne, Notodanthonia setifolia (Hook.f.) Zotov, Danthonia semiannularis var. alpina Buchanan

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
No

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

WHERE TO BUY
Not commercially available.

ETYMOLOGY
rytidosperma: Wrinkled seed
setifolium: Bristle-leaved

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

NVS CODE
RYTSET



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CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 24

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 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/rytidosperma-setifolium/

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