

Trisetum lepidum

SYNONYMS

None

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Trisetum lepidum Edgar et A.P.Druce

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

TRILEP

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North, South and Stewart Islands, from Mt Pirongia and Hikurangi south. Also on the Chatham Islands

HABITAT

In open forest (often *Nothofagus*), scrub or tussock grassland. Also along river, stream and lake margins, showing a distinct preference for calcareous rocks, or base-rich rock facies.

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and rooted pieces. An attractive and easily grown grass. Does best in damp ground in a cool, shaded spot.

ETYMOLOGY

trisetum: Three-bristled

lepidum: Elegant

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

TAXANOMIC NOTES

May hybridise with *T. tenellum* (Petrie) A.W.Hill and *T. youngii* Hook.f.



Leaf base. Atiwakatu Stream, Tararua Forest Park. Feb 2008. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Ligule. Atiwakatu Stream, Tararua Forest Park. Feb 2008. Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe

MORE INFORMATION

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