

Trisetum tenellum

SYNONYMS

Trisetum antarcticum subsp. *tenellum* Petrie, *T. antarcticum* var. *tenellum* (Petrie) Cheeseman

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Trisetum tenellum (Petrie) A.W.Hill

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

TRITEN

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28, 56

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: South Island (North-west Nelson and Marlborough, then from Arthur's Pass and Banks Peninsula south and west to Fiordland).

HABITAT

Usually in stony ground, on moraines, scree river beds, slip scars, on marble, limestone and ultramafic rocks, often in tussock grassland, fellfield and herbfield. Sometimes in seepages and swampy ground.

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

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh material and division of whole plants. Does best in a shady site in free draining, lime-enriched soil or within a pot.

ETYMOLOGY

trisetum: Three-bristled

tenellum: Small, delicate, tender



Trisetum tenellum inflorescence.

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WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

NOTES ON TAXONOMY

A rather variable species, with two cytotypes. Further study into the morphological variability and distribution of these cytotypes is needed.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/trisetum-tenellum/>