Zotovia colensoi

BIOSTATUS
Native – Endemic taxon

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

CATEGORY
Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS
Grasses

DISTRIBUTION
Endemic. North Island, on the Pouakai Range (Taranaki), and north eastern and southern mountains. South Island mainly west of the main divide but extending east into Canterbury and Otago.

GENUS
Zotovia

FAMILY
Poaceae

AUTHORITY
Zotovia colensoi (Hook.f.) Edgar et Connor

SYNONYMS
Ehrharta colensoi Hook.f., Microlaena colensoi (Hook.f.) J.C.Sm., Petriella colensoi (Hook.f.) Zotov

ENDEMIC TAXON
Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS
Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY
No

WHERE TO BUY
Not commercially available.

ETYMOLOGY
colensoi: Named after William Colenso (7 November 1811 - 10 February 1899) who was a Cornish Christian missionary to New Zealand, and also a printer, botanist, explorer and politician.

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

NVS CODE
ZOTCOL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER
2n = 48

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/zotovia-colensoi/

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