

# Zoysia pauciflora

## COMMON NAME

Zoysia

## SYNONYMS

Zoysia planifolia Zotov

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

Zoysia pauciflora Mez

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

ZOYPAU

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 40

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Three Kings Islands, North Island, from North Cape to Kawhia Harbour, near Cambridge and the Bay of Plenty.

## HABITAT

Mainly coastal, but inland in the Hamilton Basin on the banks of the Waikato River. In sandy, and rocky ground, in saltmarshes and often under scrub or under trees.

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and rooted pieces, an excellent mat-forming grass, ideal of high traffic sites such as lawns, especially in dry climates. Cold sensitive.

## ETYMOLOGY

**zoysia**: Named for Karl von Zois (or Zoys), 18th century Austrian botanist

**pauciflora**: Few-flowered

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.



Whangapoua, January. Photographer: John Smith-Dodsworth



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**MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/zoysia-pauciflora/>