

# Chionochloa macra

## COMMON NAMES

slim snow tussock

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. South Island only, east of the main divide.

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## DETAILED TAXONOMY

### FAMILY

Poaceae

### AUTHORITY

*Chionochloa macra* Zotov

### ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

### ENDEMIC GENUS

No

### ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## ECOLOGY

### LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Florets are wind dispersed (Thorsen et al., 2009).

## OTHER INFORMATION

### ETYMOLOGY

**chionochloa**: Snow grass

### MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

### NVS CODE

CHIMAC

### CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Otago: 2024 | Regionally Not Threatened

## REFERENCING AND CITATIONS

### REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Thorsen MJ, Dickinson KJM, Seddon PJ. 2009. Seed dispersal systems in the New Zealand flora. *Perspectives in Plant Ecology, Evolution and Systematics* 11: 285–309.

### MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/chionochloa-macra/>

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