

Austrostipa stipoides

COMMON NAME

coastal immortality grass, buggar grass

SYNONYMS

Dichelachne stipoides Hook.f., *Stipa stipoides* (Hook.f.) Veldkamp, *S. teretifolia* Steud.

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Austrostipa stipoides (Hook.f.) S.W.L. Jacobs et J. Everett

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

No

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

AUSSTI

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 44

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. North Island, From Te Pahi to about Taranaki and Ohiwa Harbour, thence absent until the Cook Strait. South Island, Nelson only.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

LIFE CYCLE

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

ETYMOLOGY

austrostipa: From the Latin australis 'southern', and stipa 'fiber'

stipoides: Like *Stipa*, another grass



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WHERE TO BUY

Occasionally offered by specialist native plant nurseries.

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/austrostipa-stipoides/>