

# Zoysia minima

## COMMON NAME

prickly couch, zoysia

## SYNONYMS

Gaimardia minima Colenso

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

Zoysia minima (Colenso) Zotov

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

ZOYMIN

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 40

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | At Risk – Declining | Qualifiers: DP

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. New Zealand: North Island (south from Auckland and Coromandel), South Island (scattered from Nelson, Marlborough south to Central Otago).

## HABITAT

Coastal to inland on sand dunes, sandy ground, and gravel. From sea level to 600 m.

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Eaasy from rooted pieces. Fresh seed should germinate well. A mat-forming species ideal for high traffic areas such as lawns, and well suited to dry sites and free-draining soils.

## ETYMOLOGY

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

**minima**: Very small



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#### WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

#### MORE INFORMATION

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