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

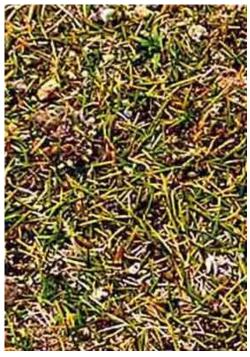
zoysia: Named for Karl von Zois (or Zoys), 18th century Austrian botanist

minima: Very small





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WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

MORE INFORMATION

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