

# Chionochloa cheesemanii

## COMMON NAME

narrow-leaved bush tussock

## SYNONYMS

*Danthonia raoulii* var. *cheesemanii* Hack.; *Danthonia flavescens* var. *cheesemanii* (Hack.) Zotov

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Chionochloa cheesemanii* (Hack.) Zotov

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

CHICHE

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## LIFE CYCLE

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**chionochloa**: Snow grass

**cheesemanii**: Named after Thomas Frederick Cheeseman (1846 - 15 October 1923) who was a New Zealand botanist and naturalist who, in 1906, produced *The Manual of the New Zealand Flora*.

## 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.



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