

# Echinopogon ovatus

## COMMON NAME

forest hedgehog grass, hedgehog grass

## SYNONYMS

*Agrostis ovata* G.Forst.; *Cinna ovata* (G.Forst.) Kunth; *E. purpurascens* Gran.; *E. novae-zelandiae* Grand.

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Echinopogon ovatus* (G.Forst.) P.Beauv.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

ECHOVA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 42

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: SO

## 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).

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed. Does best in a sheltered, sunny site, in free draining soil enriched with lime.

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

## 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/echinopogon-ovatus/>



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