

# Festuca trachyphylla

## COMMON NAME

hard fescue

## SYNONYMS

This species appeared in NZPCN previously as *F. glauca*, which is a different species. It has also sometimes been collected as *F. ovina*.

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Festuca trachyphylla* (Hack.) Krajina

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Clump-forming ornamental grass noted for its glaucous, finely-textured, blue-grey foliage.

## SIMILAR TAXA

This species was recognised first in New Zealand by K Ford at Landcare Research, Lincoln, Canterbury. She reidentified specimens collected as *F. glauca* in Dec. 2015 as *F. trachyphylla* in Jan 2019, and has found other, earlier collections, filed as *F. ovina*.

## FLOWER COLOURS

Green, Violet/Purple

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

## ETYMOLOGY

**festuca:** From the Latin festuca 'stem' or 'blade of grass'

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/festuca-trachyphylla/>



Whareroa, L Taupo; driveway edge, planted (at back) + seedlings by wall. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 12/12/2015, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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