

Luzula picta var. limosa

SYNONYMS

None

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Luzula picta var. *limosa* Buch. et Petrie

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

NVS CODE

LUZPVL

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 12

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DP

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

North and South Island – Central North Island southwards

HABITAT

Mountain bogs, flushes and seeps up to 1200m a.s.l.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Grass-like tufted plant, invariably stoloniferous. **Leaves** reddish green. **Flowering stems** (4–)15–35(–80) cm long. **Inflorescence** of several 3–25 flowered clusters, peduncles 1–6 cm. long; subtending bracts usually much less than inflorescence. **Tepals** ovate-lanceolate, acute, bright chestnut brown with broad, white, membranous margins. **Capsule** more or less equal to tepals, dark red-brown, often almost black towards the tip.



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SIMILAR TAXA

Luzula picta var. *limosa* differs from *Luzula picta* var. *picta* and *Luzula subclavata* by usually having acute tepals, and dark red-brown mature capsules which are more or less equal in length to tepals.

FLOWERING

November–January

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, White

FRUITING

December–February

ETYMOLOGY

luzula: Latinized form of the Italian vernacular name (lucciola) for this plant

picta: Painted or variagated

ATTRIBUTION

Description adapted by M. Ward from Moore & Edgar (1970).

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Moore, L. B.; Edgar, E. 1970: Flora of New Zealand. Volume II. Indigenous Tracheophyta: Monocotyledones except Gramineae. Wellington, NZ. pp 76–77.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/luzula-picta-var-limosa/>