

# Poa cookii

## COMMON NAME

Cook's poa

## SYNONYMS

*Festuca cookii* Hook.f.; *Poa hamiltonii* Kirk

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Poa cookii* (Hook.f.) Hook.f.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

No

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

POACOO

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2012 | Not Evaluated

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous: Macquarie Island (Australian Territory but part of New Zealand Botanical Region), Iles Kerguelen, Herald and Prince Edward Islands

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Unknown

## THREATS

This is a Macquarie Island endemic and occurs in the New Zealand Botanical Region but it is not encompassed by the New Zealand threat classification process as Macquarie is under the management of Australia.

Cats, rats, mice and rabbits introduced by sealers in the early 1800s posed a significant threat to species endemic to Macquarie Island and when cats were initially eradicated nearly a century later there was an explosion in rabbit numbers. Further efforts were made to remove rodent pests by the Australian Government and in 2014 Macquarie was declared pest free.

## ETYMOLOGY

**poa**: Meadow grass



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**WHERE TO BUY**

Not commercially available.

**MORE INFORMATION**

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/poa-cookii/>