

# Poa schistacea

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

Poa schistacea Edgar

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 28

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

## BRIEF DESCRIPTION

A distinctive species distinguished by its eroding rock or scree habitat, diffusely rhizomatous habit (though plants in some areas can be shortly rhizomatous and forming dense erect tufts), narrow inrolled yellow-green to grey-green leaves, laterally compressed spike, acute glumes and lemma which has obvious tufts of hairs at the base.

## DISTRIBUTION

Northeastern Southland and western Otago. Ultramafic and schist mountains from the Livingstone Range to the Otago Lakes District.

## HABITAT

Scree and rock debris piles derived from schist or ultramafic rock, often in damp areas.

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

## ETYMOLOGY

**poa**: Meadow grass

**schistacea**: Schist-coloured, grey bordering on blue

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

## MORE INFORMATION

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

