

Romulea minutiflora

COMMON NAME

small-flowered onion grass

FAMILY

Iridaceae

AUTHORITY

Klatt

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

DISTRIBUTION

Common in dry grassland on the Canterbury Plains (including Kaitorete Spit). A few records from coastal areas in the Wellington Region. Native to South Africa. Recognised as an environmental weed in Australia.

HABITAT

Dry grassland and coastal sites.

SIMILAR TAXA

Romulea minutiflora could be confused with *Pauridia glabella* (they often occur in the same dryland habitats on the Canterbury Plains), but *P. glabella* has bright yellow flowers (rather than pink-lilac), the seed head is smaller and does not split open to form papery 'wings', and the seeds are black (rather than red-brown as in *R. minutiflora*).

FLOWER COLOURS

Violet/Purple, Lilac

ATTRIBUTION

Fact sheet prepared by Melissa Hutchison (2 November 2023).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/romulea-minutiflora/>



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