

Rytidosperma corinum

COMMON NAME

bristle grass

SYNONYMS

None

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Rytidosperma corinum Connor et Edgar

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

RYTCOR

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. North Island, southern Kaweka Range only. South Island on Banks Peninsula, central and south Canterbury and Otago.

HABITAT

A species of dry, exposed rocky ground, and cliff faces in montane to subalpine zones. Most commonly found growing in deep fissures and cracks within fractured greywacke cliff faces.

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FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easily grown from fresh seed and division of whole plants. Needs a sunny free draining soil to flourish. Best grown in a pot. Dislikes humidity and prolonged wet conditions.



ETYMOLOGY

rytidosperma: Wrinkled seed

WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Previously considered a South Island endemic this species was in 2004 recognised in the North Island from the southern Kaweka Range.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rytidosperma-corinum/>