

Zoysia pauciflora

COMMON NAME

zoysia

SYNONYMS

Zoysia planifolia Zotov

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Zoysia pauciflora Mez

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Native

ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

ENDEMIC GENUS

Yes

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

ZOYPAU

CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 40

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Not Threatened

PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Three Kings Islands, North Island, from North Cape to Kawhia Harbour, near Cambridge and the Bay of Plenty.

HABITAT

Mainly coastal, but inland in the Hamilton Basin on the banks of the Waikato River. In sandy, and rocky ground, in saltmarshes and often under scrub or under trees.

MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

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

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed and rooted pieces, an excellent mat-forming grass, ideal of high traffic sites such as lawns, especially in dry climates. Cold sensitive.

ETYMOLOGY

zoysia: Named for Karl von Zois (or Zoys), 18th century Austrian botanist

pauciflora: Few-flowered



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WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/zoysia-pauciflora/>