



Poa antipoda

Common Name(s):

None Known

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: Stewart (Herekopere Island); Antipodes, Auckland, and Campbell Islands

Habitat:

Coastal on cliffs and rock outcrops; inland on damp banks, and in herbfield

Features*:

Soft, ± drooping, light green stoloniferous perennial tufts, c.20-600 mm rooting at nodes; branching extravaginal; leaf-blades persistent. Leaf-sheath light green to light brown, submembranous, distinctly ribbed, glabrous. Ligule 1.0-4.5 mm, entire, apically glabrous, gradually narrowed and subacute, abaxially slightly scabrid. Leaf-blade 75.0-250.0 × 2-4.5 mm, flat, soft, smooth almost throughout but minutely scabrid abaxially near straight-sided narrow acute tip and adaxially just above ligule. Culm 80-500 mm, internodes glabrous. Panicle 50-150 mm, ± lax and usually open with spreading branches; rachis usually ± smooth, branches ± smooth to sparsely scabrid. Spikelets 4-6 mm, 2-4-flowered, brownish green. Glumes ± unequal, narrow-lanceolate, acute to acuminate, glabrous, apart from a few prickle-teeth on midrib in upper 1/2; lower 1.5-3.0 mm, 1-nerved, upper 2.0-3.5 mm, 3-nerved. Lemma 2.5-5.0 mm, 3-5-nerved, ± elliptic, acute, with long hairs on lower 1/2 of midnerve and at base of lateral nerves and fine prickle-teeth on midnerve above, internerves glabrous or sometimes slightly scabrid near tip. Palea 2-4 mm, keels shortly ciliate-scabrid, interkeel glabrous. Callus with narrow tuft of long fine hairs. Rachilla 0.5 mm, glabrous; prolongation twice as long. Lodicules 0.4-0.5 mm. Anthers 0.5-1 mm. Seeds not seen

Flowering:

October - November

Fruiting:

Seed not yet seen

Threats:

Not Threatened - listed because it is a narrow range endemic which is naturally uncommon throughout its known range.

***Attribution:**

Description modified from Edgar and Connor (2000).

References and further reading:

Edgar, E.; Connor, H.E. 2000: Flora of New Zealand. Vol. V. Grasses. Christchurch, Manaaki Whenua Press. 650 pp.

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