



Poa aucklandica subsp. campbellensis

Common Name(s):

Campbell Island Poa

Current Threat Status (2012):

Naturally Uncommon

Distribution:

Endemic. New Zealand: Campbell Island

Habitat:

Upland rocky herbfield

Features*:

Dull green, slenderly rhizomatous perennial forming small closely packed tufts with narrow, ± erect leaves, ± reaching top of culms; branching extravaginal at plant base, intravaginal above; leaf-blades persistent. Leaf-sheath glabrous, very light green or pale brown, membranous, shredding into fibres. Ligule 0.3-1.0 mm, apically glabrous, ± obtuse and slightly erose, abaxially slightly scabrid. Leaf-blade 20.0-50.0 × 0.5-1.5 mm, stiff, inrolled, underside smooth, upper surface minutely ciliate-scabrid on ribs; margins and midrib smooth, tip curved. Culms 20-100 mm tall, slender, internodes usually slightly scabrid below panicle. Panicle 15-50 mm, rather lax, with few large spikelets borne singly at tips of filiform, finely scabrid branches. Spikelets 4.5-6.5 mm, 3-5-flowered, brownish green or greenish purple. Glumes unequal, smooth, but occasionally scabrid on midnerve near tip, elliptic-ovate, acute to subacute; lower 3-4 mm long, 3-nerved, upper 4.0-4.5 mm, 3-5-nerved. Lemma 4.0-4.5 mm, elliptic-ovate, subacute to acute; 5-7-nerved, nerves minutely scabrid with a few short hairs near base of midnerve and outer lateral nerves, internerves glabrous, often scabrid towards tip, midnerve occasionally very slightly excurrent. Palea 3-4 mm, minutely closely scabrid on keels, smooth elsewhere. Callus with very small tuft of long crinkled hairs. Rachilla 1 mm, sparsely scabrid; prolongation to twice as long. Lodicules 0.5-0.7 mm. Anthers 0.3-0.4 mm. Seeds 1.5 × 0.7 mm.

Flowering:

Unknown - insufficiently studied and collected

Fruiting:

Unknown - insufficiently studied and collected

Threats:

Not Threatened. Listed because it is a narrow range island endemic abundant within its known habitats

***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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