



Patiti (noun) tussock grass, bluegrass, *Elymus solandri* - a grass found in rocky areas and tussock land in both the North and South Islands. Forms a tufted clump with flat, blue-grey leaves.

Tussock socks

Southern Maori used tussock to make leggings that protected their bare legs from speargrass. They also put tussock in their paraerae (sandals). **Patiti** (tussock) was a fine thing to put in the paraerae to keep the feet warm, and if one was wading it was warmer with **Patiti** round the feet than without it.

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