

Australian Sedge

(*Carex longebrachiata*)

Is Australian Sedge on your property?

Australian Sedge is included in Horizons Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy as a Boundary Control plant. Australian Sedge will largely be managed through a boundary control regime and enforcement will be request driven. Efforts to maintain clean land should be recognised and regulations enforcing boundary clearance will be adhered to. If you see any sites of infestation, or have difficulty with identification of weed grasses, please freephone 0508 800 800.



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Identification

Strong, harsh, dense tussocks 30-90 cm high. New leaves grow from the inside of leaf sheath, are strongly keeled and Y-shaped in cross-section, appearing yellowish towards tips. Seed head is a drooping panicle, with green to pale brown seeds hanging at the ends of long, thin, cotton-like filaments.

Weedy characteristics

Dense clumps do not open up with age. Tolerates fire, hot to moderately cold, wet, drought, wind, salt, poor soils, damage and semi shade. Produces many, well dispersed, long-lived seeds in open areas. Tough roots cannot be pulled by livestock.

Methods of dispersal

Seed spread via water and livestock.

Impact on indigenous plants

Forms dense, long-lived clumps that prevent other grass species. Remains as an obstruction under regenerating canopy. It's a fire hazard and harbors rats and mice.

Typical habitats

Pasture, disturbed scrubland, regenerating forest and short tussock land.

Control

1. Weed wiper: glyphosate at label rates. Spring-Summer.
2. Spray: glyphosate at label rates. Spring-Autumn.
3. Dig out small patches only, and burn. Best in summer.

Site management

Inter-planting eventually causes regression, however, dense stands delay process. Best to spray dense patches and replant next winter. Begin at top of slope and catchment, as seeds carried downwards by surface water and streams. Grazing does not control, only spreads seed. Exclude stock.

Species recovery

Reseeds prolifically. Re-sprouts from crown.

For more information freephone 0508 800 800.

