Agrostis nebulosa

COMMON NAME cloud grass

FAMILY Poaceae

AUTHORITY Agrostis nebulosa Boiss. & Reut.

FLORA CATEGORY Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS Grasses

CONSERVATION STATUS Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

"A lovely little ornamental annual grass which produces light and airy clusters of tiny flowers throughout summer. As the name suggests these flower clusters look like soft nebulous clouds that billow from the bed creating pockets of soft movement." http://www.plantadvice.co.uk/plants/grasses-and-bamboos/agrostis-nebulosa/2574

DISTRIBUTION

Collected as a wild plant in grounds of Massey University, Palmerston North in 1961 (AK 216331).

FLOWER COLOURS Green

EXTANT COLLECTIONS AK 216331, A.E. Esler 14 Feb 1961

YEAR NATURALISED 1961

ORIGIN Portugal, Spain

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION Possible accidental seed contaminant

ETYMOLOGY

agrostis: Greek name for a kind of grass **nebulosa**: From the Latin nebulosus 'clouded', when the colours are unequally blended

MORE INFORMATION https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/agrostis-nebulosa-1/

