

Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. elatius

COMMON NAME

tall oat grass

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. elatius (L.) J.Presl et C.Presl.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Tallish, erect, tufted, perennial grass. **Roots** fibrous, yellow to orange. **Stems** rounded, emerging leaves rolled; sheaths smooth with yellow to orange base. **Leaves** long and narrow, 100–400 × 4–10 mm, flat, harsh, dull bluish-green, with yellowish lines when held to light, usually with scattered hairs above, bitter taste. **Ligule** 1–3 mm long, membranous, white, serrate along edge. **Seedhead** a narrow panicle. **Seeds** large, oat-like, with papery covering and a spiky appearance (awned) (Weed Manager).

YEAR NATURALISED

1871

ORIGIN

Eurasia, Nth Africa

Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/arrhenatherum-elatius-subsp-elatius/>



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