

Austrostipa verticillata

COMMON NAMES

slender bamboo grass; bamboo spear grass

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Robust, tussock-forming. Flowering culms (stems) to 2 m tall, with branches in distinct whorls (verticils); flower lemmas with awns about 35 mm long. When seed falls, the two white-ish glumes remain, spread apart.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

GENUS

Austrostipa

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Austrostipa verticillata (Nees)S.W.L.Jacobs et J.Everett

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1878

ORIGIN

E. Australia

ETYMOLOGY

austrostipa: From the Latin *australis* 'southern', and *stipa* 'fiber'

NVS CODE

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MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/austrostipa-verticillata/>

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Flowering plant (mostly empty glumes, seed fallen), garden, Marybank, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 28/02/2016, Licence: CC BY-NC.



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