

Cenchrus latifolius

COMMON NAMES

Uruguay pennisetum

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Leaf sheaths usually with conspicuous cross-veinlets; inflorescence a compound panicle with clusters of long-pedunculate spikes from axils of upper culm leaves.

GENUS

Cenchrus

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Cenchrus latifolius (Spreng.) Morrone

SYNONYMS

Pennisetum latifolium Spreng.

ENDEMIC GENUS

No

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

South America

ETYMOLOGY

cenchrus: From the Greek cenchros which means millet

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/pest-plant-accord/).

NVS CODE

CENLAT

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cenchrus-latifolius/>



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