

Eragrostis cilianensis

COMMON NAMES

stink grass

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Stems, slender, smooth 30–60 cm tall, branched at top, several usually arising from root crown. Leaves have smooth sheaths except for hairs on upper portion, and flat, smooth blades 1.5–7.5 mm wide. Panicles branched, the branches moderately spreading, bearing numerous spikelets 6–15 mm long. Spikelets flat, containing 20–40 florets or seeds; dark grey-green to purple (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

GENUS

Eragrostis

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Eragrostis cilianensis (All.) Janch.

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

1906

ORIGIN

Mediterranean

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Seeds, egg shaped, 0.8 mm in diameter, orange red (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

ETYMOLOGY

eragrostis: From the Greek eros 'love' and agrostis 'grass'

NVS CODE

ERACIL

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

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MORE INFORMATION

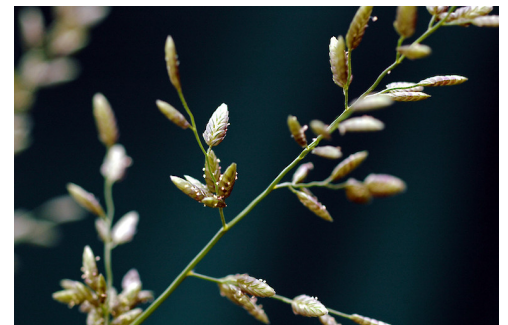
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