

Poa annua

COMMON NAME

annual poa

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Poa annua L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

POAANN

HABITAT

Prevalent in lawns and gardens, particularly those with moist, rich soils (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981). A weed of cultivated land and waste places.

SIMILAR TAXA

Roots, shallow, easily pulled from the soil. Stems, 2.5 to 30 cm tall, decumbent at base, sometimes rooting at lower joints. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

YEAR NATURALISED

1844

ORIGIN

Europe

ETYMOLOGY

poa: Meadow grass

annua: From the Latin annuus 'year', referring to a plant which completes its life cycle in a single year

Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

Life Cycle Comments

Annual

Tolerances

Grows well in cool weather but is not winter hardy (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/poa-annua/>



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