

# Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. elatius

## COMMON NAMES

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).

## LIFE CYCLE

Perennial.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1871

## ORIGIN

Eurasia, Nth Africa

## REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Agricultural

## MORE INFORMATION

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

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