

Cenchrus longisetus

COMMON NAME

feathertop

SYNONYMS

Pennisetum villosum Fresen

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Cenchrus longisetus M.C. Johnst.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Leaf-sheaths without conspicuous cross-veinlets; inflorescence a simple spike like panicle; panicle usually subglobose, usually pale green or silvery; spikelets 8–11 mm.

YEAR NATURALISED

1880

ORIGIN

Ethiopia

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/).

MORE INFORMATION

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



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