

# Leymus racemosus

## COMMON NAME

Siberian lyme grass

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Leymus racemosus* (Lam.) Tzvelev

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

LEYRAC

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## HABITAT

Terrestrial: coastal dunes, foreshore, sandy places and waste land.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Perennial grass with stout rhizomes and very robust tufts to 150 cm. **Culm** stout and erect 50–110 cm tall. **Leaf-sheath** yellowish and almost glabrous. **Leaf-blade** 10–65 cm × 4.5–16 mm, strongly ribbed and almost glabrous. **Flowering spike** 25–40 cm stiff erect and tapered. **Seed** 6.5 × 2 mm.

## SIMILAR TAXA

Can be separated from *L. arenarius* by the spikelets in clusters of 3-5, and the glumes without any hairs.

## YEAR NATURALISED

1895

## ORIGIN

Eurasia

## Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

## Reproduction

Seed and rhizomes

## Dispersal

Wind

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/leymus-racemosus/>

