

# Eragrostis cilianensis

## COMMON NAME

stink grass

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Eragrostis cilianensis* (All.) Janch.

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## NVS CODE

ERACIL

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## BRIEF 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).

## YEAR NATURALISED

1906

## ORIGIN

Mediterranean

## ETYMOLOGY

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

## Seed

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

## REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

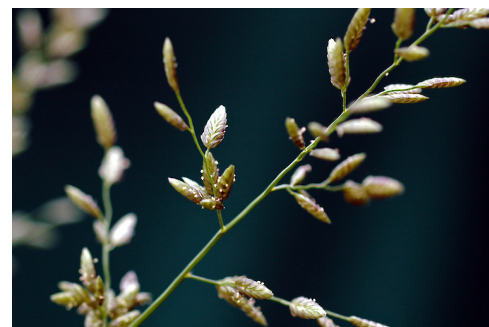
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## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/eragrostis-cilianensis/>



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