

Ampelodesmos mauritanicus

COMMON NAMES

Mauritanian grass, stramma

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

SIMPLIFIED DESCRIPTION

Robust tussock to 1 m tall with drooping leaves; erect culms to 2 m or more, with drooping panicle branchlets.

FLOWER COLOURS

Green, White

DISTRIBUTION

Rare; establishing near planted specimens in NZ.

GENUS

Ampelodesmos

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Ampelodesmos mauritanicus (Poir.) T. Durand & Schinz

ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

YEAR NATURALISED

2003

ORIGIN

Mediterranean

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Division or from seed

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/ampelodesmos-mauritanicus/>

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