

Chilean needle grass - *Nasella neesiana*

Form: Perennial erect tussocks up to 1m tall.

Leaves: Slender, erect, tapering, 1-5mm wide, flat, strongly ribbed on the upper sides.

Flowers: All year under good conditions. In soft open heads above the leaves, wind-blown to one side, dark red with c. 6cm long pale green awns.

Fruits: Slender, 8-10mm long, with c. 6cm long awns. Seeds spread on clothing and vehicles.

Impacts: Replaces native grasses and other herbs, seed sharp and injurious. Class 1 Declared Plant (June 2010).

Control: Isolate area with tape to limit further spread. Collect and incinerate visible flowers and fruits. It also produces invisible flowers and seeds low on stems so dig out, bag and remove plants for incineration.

Ongoing management: Check area every spring before visible flowering; dig, bag and incinerate all plants.



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