

Green panic - *Megathyrsus maximus* var. *maximus*

Form: Tufted perennial grass 1-2m tall.

Leaves: Erect, up to 80cm long, slender, pale green with white midrib, tapering to fine point..

Flowers: Summer, tiny, greenish, finely hairy, in loose terminal masses.

Fruits: Summer and autumn; tiny, in loose terminal masses, shedding very easily.

Impacts: Severe. Smothers native grasses, herbs, shrub and tree seedlings; increases fire risk and intensity. A very important fodder grass in the Region but very invasive of environmental areas.

Control: Time consuming. Carefully collect flowers and seeds for safe disposal elsewhere; spray or dig out clumps; repeat control early every summer before flowering. Spot spray - see DPI Fact sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

Ongoing management: Check area every year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering. Check roadsides and pasture boundaries in spring each year and control new infestations before they spread.

