

## Rhodes grass - *Chloris gayana*

**Form:** Tufted perennial grass 0.5-1m tall with long runners rooting to form new clumps.

**Leaves:** Erect, 15-45cm long and 1-2cm wide, green, tapering to fine points.

**Flowers:** 5-15 slender spikes each 5-10cm long radiating from tips of stems.

**Fruits:** Minute brown fruits, spread by wind, in soil and on shoes, animals and vehicles.

**Impacts:** Invades open ground and may compete strongly with native grasses and shrubs. Alters fire regime. A very important fodder grass in the Region but invasive of environmental areas.

**Control:** Dig out clumps, collecting flowers and seed heads for safe disposal. Spot spray. See DPI Fact Sheet for current herbicide recommendations.

**Ongoing management:** Check area in spring each year and control new and regenerating plants before flowering.

