



Fountain Grass

(Cenchrus setaceus)

- **Origin** – Tropical Africa and the Middle East
- **Growth Habit**- Clumping Grass
- **Fruit**- Pinkish-purple feathery seed heads
- **Habitat** – Weed of woodlands, grasslands, coastal vegetation, rail embankments, roadsides and mines
- **Flowers** - Stems around 1m in height

Plant Description

Fountain Grass is a clumping grass introduced to Australia from Tropical Africa and the Middle East. The plant was originally used as a garden ornamental and to prevent erosion. Leaves are narrow and upright.

Impacts

Fountain Grass forms dense populations that can out-compete native vegetation. It is highly invasive and once established can become difficult to control. Fountain Grass is drought-tolerant and grows in a range of habitats including coastal areas, wetlands, woodland and disturbed sites.

City of Rockingham Local Law 2000

Fountain Grass is listed as a Pest Plant under City of Rockingham Pest Plants Local Law 2000. Under this law, City of Rockingham may serve on the owner or occupier of private land notice requiring the destruction, eradication or otherwise control of any pest plant on that land.

Control Methods

Individual plants or small populations can be dug out. Slash larger plants in winter and spray with 1% Glyphosate + Pulse® in spring to autumn. Area of control should be monitored for any regrowth and seedling germination.

Further Information

- <https://florabase.dpaw.wa.gov.au/browse/profile/41568>



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