

# Grader grass

## *Themeda quadrivalvis*

Grader grass is declared a Class B (growth and spread to be controlled) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Grader grass is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

### HABIT



Erect, tufted annual grass growing to 2m high, often in dense patches. Tufts range from having only a few stems up to 10 or more.

### STEMS & BRANCHES



Robust, cane-like stems with long branched seed heads.

Mature stands become a golden red or orange in colour.

### SEED HEADS



Seed heads generally appear between February and June. Spikelets in the seed head are 4 - 7mm long, with distinct, bulbous-based bristles.

### SEED



Produces up to 1000 seeds in one seed head, although seeds are short lived at the soil surface. Seeds can germinate throughout the year in the right conditions.

### SIMILAR SPECIES



Grader grass appears similar to the native perennial kangaroo grass (*Themeda triandra*). Kangaroo grass is generally smaller (about 1m) and brown rather than golden when mature.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).