

## Recognise the important grasses

### Desirable perennial grasses

Black speargrass	<i>Heteropogon contortus</i> –
Birdwood buffel	<i>Cenchrus setiger</i>
Buffel grass	<i>Cenchrus ciliaris</i>
Cloncurry buffel	<i>Cenchrus pennisetiformis</i>
Desert bluegrass	<i>Bothriochloa ewartiana</i> –
Forest bluegrass	<i>Bothriochloa bladhii</i> –
Giant speargrass	<i>Heteropogon triticeus</i> –
Gulf or curly bluegrass	<i>Dichanthium fecundum</i> –
Indian couch	<i>Bothriochloa pertusa</i> +
Kangaroo grass	<i>Themeda triandra</i> –
Mitchell grass, barley	<i>Astrebla pectinata</i>
Mitchell grass, bull	<i>Astrebla squarrosa</i>
Mitchell grass, hoop	<i>Astrebla elymoides</i>
Plume sorghum	<i>Sorghum plumosum</i> +
Sabi grass	<i>Urochloa mosambicensis</i> –
Silky browntop	<i>Eulalia aurea (E. fulva)</i> – †
Wild rice	<i>Oryza australiensis</i>

### Intermediate value grasses (perennials and annuals)

Barbwire grass	<i>Cymbopogon refractus</i>
Bottle washer or limestone grass	<i>Enneapogon polyphyllus</i> +
Early spring grass	<i>Eriochloa procera</i> +
Fire grass	<i>Schizachyrium</i> spp.
Flinders grass	<i>Iseilema</i> spp. +
Ribbon grass	<i>Chrysopogon fallax</i>
Liverseed	<i>Urochloa panicoides</i> +
Love grasses	<i>Eragrostis</i> species +
Pitted bluegrass	<i>Bothriochloa decipiens</i>
Annual sorghum	<i>Sorghum timorense</i>
Red natal grass	<i>Melinis repens (Rhynchelytrum)</i> +
Rice grass	<i>Xerochloa imburbis</i>
Salt water couch	<i>Sporobolus virginicus</i>
Spinifex, soft	<i>Triodia pungens</i>
Spinifex, curly	<i>Triodia bitextusa (Plectrachne pungens)</i>
Spiny mud grass	<i>Pseudoraphis spinescens</i>
White grass	<i>Sehima nervosum</i>
Wanderrie grass	<i>Eriachne</i> spp.
Native millet	<i>Panicum decompositum</i> +

### Annual and less desirable grasses

Asbestos grass	<i>Pennisetum basedowii</i>
Button grass	<i>Dactyloctenium radulans</i> +
Desert or Kimberley couch	<i>Brachyacne convergens</i> +
Fairy grass	<i>Sporobolus australaticus</i> +
Feathertop	<i>Aristida latifolia</i>
Five minute grass	<i>Tripogon loliiformis</i> +
Leafy nine-awn	<i>Enneapogon polyphyllus</i> +
Purple top grass	<i>Chloris inflata (C. barbata)</i> +
Mission grass	<i>Pennisetum polystachyon</i> *

Rat's tail grasses  
 Reed or cane grass  
 Sedges  
 Slender chloris  
 Small burr grass  
 Rottboellia grass  
 Spinifex, hard  
 Pigeon grass  
 Wiregrass  
 Woodland love grass  
 Comet grass

*Sporobolus* species  
*Arundinella nepalensis*  
 Cyperaceae +  
*Chloris divaricata* +  
*Tragus australianus* +  
*Mnesithea formosa*  
*Triodia intermedia*  
*Setaria apiculata*, *S. pumila*  
*Aristida* spp. +  
*Eragrostis sororia* +  
*Perotis rara*

+ indicates that this species increases under heavy grazing; - indicates this species decreases under heavy grazing.

\* considered an environmental weed because of the hot fires

## Other important plants

### Native legumes

Birdsville indigo

*Indigofera linnaei*

*Indigofera colutea*

Glycines

*Glycine tomentella*

*Glycine tabacina*

Rhynchosia

*Rhynchosia minima*

Buffalo clover

*Alysicarpus vaginalis*

### Browse herb

Kapok bush

*Aerva javinica*

### Broad-leaved weeds indicating heavy grazing

Fruit salad plant

*Pterocaulon redolens*

Pigweed

*Portulaca* spp.

Paddy's lucerne, broom weed

*Sida acuta*, *S. cordifolia*

### Other problem plants

Bellyache bush

*Jatropha gossypifolia*

Birdsville indigo

*Indigofera linnaei*

Calotrope/rubber bush

*Calotropis procera*

Chinee apple

*Ziziphus mauritiana*

Conkerberry/currant bush

*Carissa lanceolata*

Mimosa bush

*Acacia farnesiana*

Parkinsonia

*Parkinsonia aculeata*

Prickly acacia

*Acacia nilotica*

Rubbervine

*Cryptostegia grandiflora*

See the book list for plant identification books.





*Black speargrass*



*Kangaroo grass*



*Silky browntop*



*Gulf bluegrass*



*Desert bluegrass*



*Indian bluegrass or couch*





*Bull Mitchell*



*Barley Mitchell*



*Hoop Mitchell*



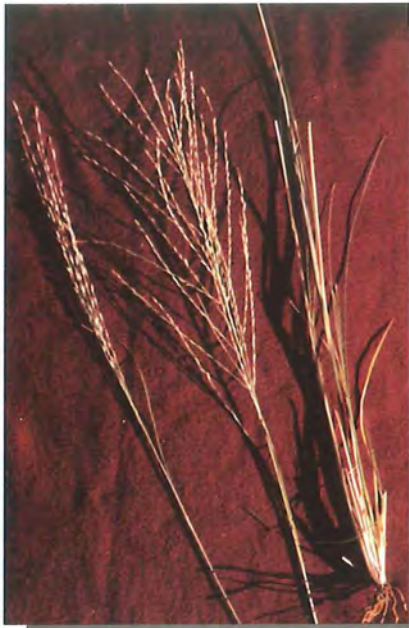
*Plume sorghum*



*Annual sorghum*



*Wild rice*



*Rice grass*



*Cloncurry buffel*



*Birdwood buffel*



*Ribbon or golden beard grass*



*Flinders grass*



*Fire grass*





*Native millet*



*Pitted bluegrass*



*White grass*



*Wanderrie grass*



*Love grass*



*Bottlewasher/limestone grass*



*Desert/Kimberley couch*



*Button grass*



*Liverseed grass*



*Spinifex*



*Salt water couch*



*Spiny mud grass*





*Comet grass*



*Mission grass*



*Asbestos grass*



*Fairy grass*



*Pigeon grass*



*Chloris*





*Feathertop wiregrass*



*Northern feathertop*



*Northern kerosene wiregrass*



*Another wiregrass*



*Silky oil grass*



*Sedge*