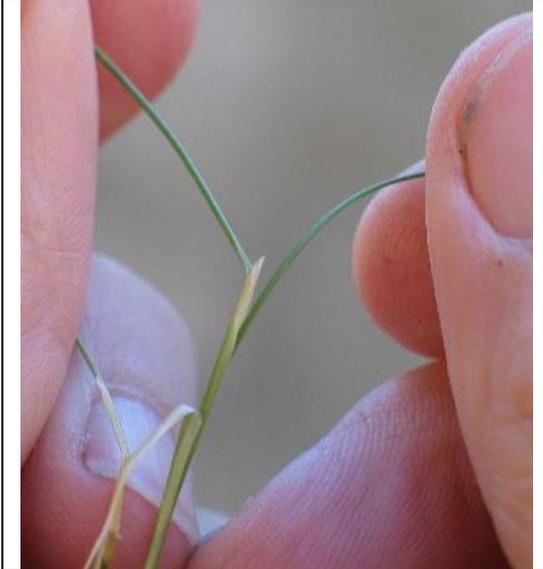


FIELD IDENTIFICATION OF SERRATED TUSSOCK (*Nassella trichotoma*)

<p>AN UPRIGHT TUSSOCK</p> <p>LEAVES:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yellowish green. Golden after frosts. • Tightly in-rolled so don't become flat. Don't break easily. Can be rolled between your fingers. • Feel rough particularly when fingers are run down the leaf. <p>SEEDHEADS: pinkish, flop and break off at maturity</p>	
	
<p>LIGULE looks like tissue paper, is small but visible to the naked eye when blade is pulled from a young leaf. No AURICLE or hairs at leaf join.</p>	<p>Tiny seed with offset AWN. Ripe seeds are surrounded by purplish GLUMES before the seeds age and turn brown or beige.</p>

SIMILAR PLANTS:

have no ligule or a ligule with hairs or the seed has no awn or the seedhead remains upright

REFERENCES:

<http://agpest.co.nz/?pesttypes=nassella-tussock-serrated-tussock>

<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/Details/123>

FIELD IDENTIFICATION OF CHILEAN NEEDLE GRASS (*Nassella neesiana*)

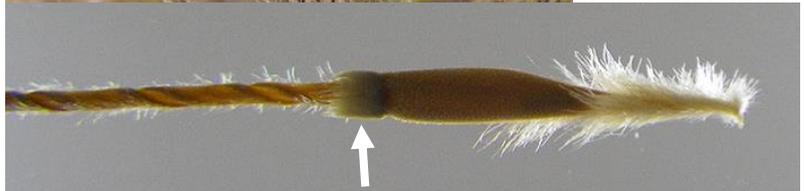
A FLATTISH TUSSOCK WITH **FLAT LEAVES**

LEAVES:

- Messy habit
- Mid to dark green, tips can be dried looking
- Wide or partly in-rolled, ribbed on surface
- Edges, **top and bottom-sides** are **bristly** – feels rough **both ways** when pulled between your lips

Ripe SEEDS are surrounded by purplish GLUMES. Pale brown when mature.

SEEDS can also be produced in the NODES of flowering stems or at the base of the plant.



AWN has a collar (**corona** of small teeth). Hard to remove the AWN. Seeds are long and sharp.

SIMILAR PLANTS:

have less bristly leaves, no ribbing, are not as coarse.
Only Chilean needle grass has the corona of small teeth.

REFERENCES:

<http://agpest.co.nz/?pesttypes=nassella-tussock-serrated-tussock>

<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/chileanneedlegrass>

FIELD IDENTIFICATION OF AFRICAN LOVEGRASS (*Eragrostis curvula*)

A CLUMPING GRASS WITH **FLAT** LEAVES

LEAVES:

- Dark green to blue-green
- Sometimes arching
- Hairy or hair-less, smooth or rough
- Tips often bleached and curled
- 'Papery' feel
- 3mm wide with flat or inward rolled edges

Flower stems are slender and erect.
Flower heads start as closed, often dark, panicles before becoming **open** panicles.
Empty seed heads stay on plant.



LIGULE has a ring of white hairs



Seeds can be **blue-grey to black** and held in **flat clusters**



SIMILAR PLANTS:

have greener seed heads, are usually smaller, seed heads are more open or not held in flat clusters.

ALG can be hard to identify. There are at least 7 types in Australia.

REFERENCES:

<https://canberra.naturemapr.org/Community/Species/Sightings/8433>

<https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/AfricanLovegrass>