

Cenchrus latifolius

COMMON NAME

Uruguay pennisetum

SYNONYMS

Pennisetum latifolium Spreng.

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Cenchrus latifolius (Spreng.) Morrone

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Leaf sheaths usually with conspicuous cross-veinlets; inflorescence a compound panicle with clusters of long-pedunculate spikes from axils of upper culm leaves.

YEAR NATURALISED

1981

ORIGIN

South America

ETYMOLOGY

cenchrus: From the Greek cenchros which means millet

NATIONAL PEST PLANT ACCORD SPECIES

This plant is listed in the 2020 National Pest Plant Accord. The National Pest Plant Accord (NPPA) is an agreement to prevent the sale and/or distribution of specified pest plants where either formal or casual horticultural trade is the most significant way of spreading the plant in New Zealand. For up to date information and an electronic copy of the 2020 Pest Plant Accord manual (including plant information and images) visit the [MPI website](https://www.mpi.govt.nz/pest-plant-accord/).

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cenchrus-latifolius/>



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