

Cynodon dactylon

COMMON NAME

Bermuda grass

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Cynodon dactylon (L.) Pers.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

CYNDAC

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

HABITAT

Terrestrial.

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

Mat-forming grass to 55 cm tall, with long rhizomes and stolons. **Leaves** are held on upright culm to 50cm tall; leaf blades up to 9 cm long, 1–3mm wide (sometimes wider), grey-green, slightly hairy. **Flower head** has 3–7 branches coming out of the same point, each branch is up to 6 cm long, and has 2 rows of green or purplish spikelets.

SIMILAR TAXA

Creeping stems, branched (digitate) flower heads. Similar inflorescence to *Digitaria* species, but the foliage on *Cynodon dactylon* is more robust and stiff.

YEAR NATURALISED

1846

ORIGIN

Pantropical

Reason For Introduction

Agricultural

Life Cycle Comments

Perennial

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/cynodon-dactylon/>



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