

Panicum dichotomiflorum

COMMON NAME

smooth witch-grass

FAMILY

Poaceae

AUTHORITY

Panicum dichotomiflorum Michx.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

NVS CODE

PANDIC

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Annual with fibrous roots. Stems 0.5 to 1.3 m long, smooth spreading, often partly flat on the ground. Lower nodes swollen, often rooting. Leaves smooth or sparsely hairy. Leaf sheaths heavy, short, smooth, loose, often purplish. Panicle more compact and shorter than that of witchgrass. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981)

YEAR NATURALISED

1946

ORIGIN

N. America

Seed

Seeds about 1.5 mm long, yellow, smooth, dull, readily separated from hulls when ripe. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

Wax LM, Fawcett RS, Isley D, eds. 1981. Weeds of the North Central States. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign College of Agriculture, Illinois, USA. 303 p.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/panicum-dichotomiflorum/>



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