

WEED INFORMATION SHEET

Giant Parramatta Grass

Noxious Weed

GIANT PARRAMATTA GRASS - *Sporobolus indicus* var. This is an aggressive weed that has invaded pasture in Grafton, Coffs Harbour, Bellingen and Nambucca Shires and is spreading into the Richmond, Tweed and Upper Clarence areas and down the coast to Wollongong.

GIANT PARRAMATTA GRASS is a tussocky grass that can grow up to 2 metres in height. The seed head is up to 40 cm long and resembles a rats tail. The branches at the bottom of the seed head, droop away from the central stem. The base of the stem of G.P.G is flat and coarse and shoot from the crown in a flattened shape.

Watching for likely sources of seed and quick action to eliminate newly invading plants and small infestations are the key to keeping Giant Parramatta grass off your property.

It is a serious threat as it significantly reduces pasture production. It is very abrasive on the teeth of cattle and produces a large number of seeds which spread by vehicles, machinery, livestock, floods etc.

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