

WEED INFORMATION SHEET

PAMPAS GRASS

Noxious Weed



PAMPAS GRASS - *Cortaderia* spp.

An introduced garden plant which has escaped and invades native bushland and disturbed sites along NSW Coastal areas.

DESCRIPTION - Pampas is a long lived perennial, which will form large tussocks 1-2 metres high and up to 2 metres wide. Usually flowers Jan—Mar. Flower heads are formed on long stems, which are quite attractive but produce large numbers of viable seed, which are dispersed with the wind, animals, machinery, in contaminated soil and dumped garden waste.

HABITAT - Found mainly in disturbed areas associated with service roads, road verges, disused quarries and vacant allotments. It prefers open country but will invade native bushland that is under pressure.

