

# Pampas Grass

## What is it?

Pampas Grass is an introduced plant from the Americas. Originally used as a garden plant, it has naturalised and is now a serious threat to native bushland along the NSW coastline.

Pampas Grass is often found in domestic gardens and disturbed areas such as disused quarries, vacant allotments and neglected bushland areas.

## What does it look like?

Growing up to 4 metres high and with a circumference of 8 to 9 metres, it forms impenetrable thickets that are harbours for vermin.

The edges of the leaf blades of Pampas Grass are extremely sharp, and can inflict serious cuts if brushed against. Flowers are formed on long spikes that may reach 4 metres in height, each frond can hold up to 100,000 seeds. Flower colour can vary from white through to pink.

## Control Measures

### Physical control:

Small plants (seedlings) can be controlled by physical removal. After digging or pulling out plants, they should be placed so that roots are not in contact with the ground, and allowed to dry out.

### Herbicide control:

Any of the *Glyphosate* herbicides will give good control if applied correctly. The entire plant should be treated with the recommended concentration of herbicide and water. Refer to the product label for information. Contact your local supplier for details of registered herbicides.

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*Cortaderia spp*

A Category W 2 Noxious plant in all areas of the Hunter and Central Coast. The weed must be continually suppressed and destroyed.



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