



Agrostis capillaris

Common Name(s):

browntop

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Plant of coastal, lowland, montane and subalpine habitats (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). The plant is able to grow on poor soils of low fertility (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). Plant usually outcompeted on high fertility sites (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). The plant is prevalent on the heavy soils of the Wairarapa (Hilgendorf 1926). Plant found in scrub and forest margin, both short and tall tussocklands, herbfields, fernlands, sanddunes and river beds (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). The plant is found in cultivated lands and pasture communities (Hilgendorf 1926).

Features:

Tufted perennial grass to 70 cm tall. Roots with rhizomes, occ stolons. All parts hairless, dark to bluish-green. Leaf blade flat, short and narrow, 100-150 x 1-5 mm, ribs regular, margins slightly rough. Ligule short, membranous and translucent, almost invisible. Leaf sheath rounded, usually smooth. Emerging leaf rolled. Seedhead open, usually up to 15cm long with spreading branches, fine, light brown, seeds tiny, brown.

Flowering:

December, January

Fruiting:

mid-late April

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2477



Caption: Ahuriri Valley
Photographer: John Barkla



Caption: Hutt River. Mar 2007.
Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe