



Andropogon virginicus

Common Name(s):

broomsedge

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Erect, coarse, brownish, tufted perennial 30-100 cm tall. Roots densely fibrous. Stems solid, slender to stout, slightly flattened, several per tuft, upper part branched. Leaves green or bluish-green, narrow, 15-30 cm long, flat or folded, hairy near base above and on ligule. Sheaths compressed, keeled, enfolding each other. Seedhead long and narrow, with paired racemes of 2-4 clusters, each 10-45 mm long with prominent tufts of white hairs enclosed by reddish-brown leaves. Seed 3 mm long, brown, bearded.

References and further reading:

Gardner, R.O., Champion, R. and de Lange, P.J. 1996. *Andropogon virginicus* and *Stipa tenuissima*. Auckland Botanical Society Journal, 51: 31-33.



Caption: *Andropogon virginicus*

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