



Ammophila arenaria

Common Name(s):

marram grass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Coastal plant, usually occurs on sand dunes, can occur in inland sites with low fertility.

Features:

Stout rhizomatous perennial grass. Rhizomes tough, creeping long distances in loose sand. Compact tufts formed, 1 m+ high. Leaves to 700 x 3-6 mm, greyish-green, tips sharp, reddish-brown sheaths overlapping; blades tightly rolled (appear cylindrical) in exposed conditions, loosely rolled in shade; densely hairy ribs above, striped below, narrow ligule 25 mm long. Seedhead a dense spike, whitish, to 30 cm long.

Flowering:

November, December, January,
February, March

Fruiting:

Unknown

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2521



Caption: Marram, *Ammophila arenaria*

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