



Arrhenatherum elatius subsp. *elatius*

Common Name(s):

tall oat grass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial.

Features:

Tallish, erect, tufted, perennial grass. Roots fibrous, yellow to orange. Stems rounded, emerging leaves rolled; sheaths smooth with yellow to orange base. Leaves long and narrow, 100-400 x 4-10 mm, flat, harsh, dull bluish-green, with yellowish lines when held to light, usually with scattered hairs above, bitter taste; ligule 1-3 mm long, membranous, white, serrate along edge. Seedhead a narrow panicle. Seeds large, oat-like, with papery covering and a spiky appearance (awned) (Weed Manager).

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=2549



Caption: Inflorescence.
Whangaimoana Stream, south
Wairarapa.

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