



Lolium perenne

Common Name(s):

perennial rye grass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Roadsides and tracks, pasture, river flats and banks, waste land and sand dunes, lowland to montane

Features:

Loosely tufted, dark green, hairless, perennial grass. Leaves soft, thin, 30-200 x 2-6 mm, regularly ribbed above, very glossy and smooth beneath, joined to stem with small collar. Leaf sheath reddish-purplish at base; inner sheath smooth, pale green; emerging leaf folded. Ligule up to 2 mm long, membranous, light green. Seedhead distinctive, erect, thin, flattened, slightly zigzagged; with seeds in small clusters arranged alternately.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3440



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