



Cortaderia jubata

Common Name(s):

purple pampas grass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Forest light gaps, slips, margins, disturbed sites, open habitats, riverbeds, cliffs, inshore and offshore islands, tussockland, fernland, herbfield, duneland, coastline, gumlands, salt marsh, estuaries, shrublands.

Features:

Large-clump-forming grass to 3 m+. Leaf base very hairy, no white waxy surface. Leaves with conspicuous midrib which does not continue into leaf base, no secondary veins between midrib and leaf edge. Both leaf surfaces dark green, snap readily when tugged. Dead leaf bases spiral like wood shavings. Flowerhead erect, dense, uniform, fluffy, bright purple, fading to dirty brown, Jan- Mar.

Flowering:

January, February,
March

Fruiting:

March-April (Timmins &
MacKenzie 1995).

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3752



Caption: *Cortaderia jubata* with *Cortaderia fulvida* in foreground. Puntagirua Stream, Paliser Bay.
Photographer: Jeremy Rolfe



Caption: North of Silverstream Scenic Reserve, Upper Hutt. Apr 2006.
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