



Ehrharta erecta

Common Name(s):

veldt grass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. A plant of coastal and lowland habitats (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). Plant grows in sites of low fertility (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995). A plant of sand dunes, cliffs and bluff communities (Timmins & MacKenzie 1995).

Features:

Slender, tufted perennial grass to 60 cm tall. Leaves pale green, soft, broad, shortly hairy, often dying back in summer drought. Sheaths short. Seedhead an open, erect, 10-40 cm long, ragged panicle of narrow spikes.

Flowering:

January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, December

References and further reading:

Ogle, C.C. 1988. Veld grass *Ehrharta erecta* has come to stay. *Wellington Botanical Society Bulletin*, 44: 8-15

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3855



Caption: *Ehrharta erecta*

Photographer: Peter de Lange



Caption: Young plant growing under roadside hedge.

Photographer: Peter de Lange, April 2006, St Lukes Rd, Mt Albert, Auckland