



Elytrigia pycnantha

Common Name(s):

sea couch

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Coastal on foreshore waste land, consolidated sand near dunes, mudflats and roadsides.

Features:

Bluish grey, tufted, rigid perennial grass to about 125 cm tall. Can form large patches from strongly spreading wiry rhizomes. Leaves glaucous, up to 25 cm long, usually rolled, occasionally flat and up to 7 mm wide, greyish to light brown. Leaves held on erect culms to 25-75 cm tall. Erect spike 5-20 cm tall with spikelets very close-set.

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3874



Caption: Aramoana
Photographer: John Barkla



Caption: Newdicks Beach, Maketu.
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