



Imperata cylindrica var. major

Common Name(s):

cogon grass

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial open places, sunny places on hills, flats on volcanic soil near coast.

Features:

Perennial tropical grass forming loose or compact tufts to about 1 m. Colonies establish from long-creeping, tough, scaly rhizomes about 3mm diameter. Leaves held on upright culm 20-50 cm high. leaf-sheath light brown, sometimes purplish, glabrous or with scattered fine hairs above, shredding into stiff fibres at maturity. Leaf-blade to 1 m x 4-10 mm, glabrous with rough margins. Panicle 9-15 x c. 2cm, a dense silky white spike. Seed not seen in New Zealand.

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