

Mexican feather grass

Nassella tenuissima

Mexican feather grass is declared a Class A (to be eradicated) and Class C (not to be introduced) weed in the Northern Territory.

Mexican feather grass is a declared weed in accordance with the *Weeds Management Act*.

HABIT



Mexican feather grass is a densely tufted, perennial tussock that grows to about 70cm high.

It is very similar in appearance to serrated tussock.

FLOWERS



Flowers can appear green or purplish in colour.

This weed can only be distinguished from serrated tussock when flowering.

LEAVES



Leaves are needle-like and roll smoothly between the fingers, 0.25 - 0.5mm in diameter and up to 60cm long.

They have serrations which can be felt when sliding fingers down the length of the leaf blade.

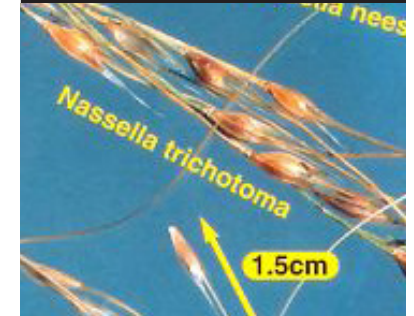
SEED HEAD



Mature plants form seed on a long flower spike. Seeds heads are 15 - 25cm long.

Seeds have a small pointed tip and a long bent tail which resemble a large feather when clumped together at the end of the flower spike.

SEEDS



Seeds are between 2 - 3mm long with a bristle-like appendage that is 4.5 - 9cm long extending from the end of the seed.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).