

## PANIC VELDTGRASS

*Ehrharta erecta*

GRASS

Family Poaceae

Origin South Africa

**Description** A tufted perennial grass growing to 0.6 m high <sup>19</sup>. This grass prefers sandy soils and is common in moist and shady situations. Also common on disturbed ground, bushland margins and alongside tracks. This weed is a coloniser <sup>8</sup>.

**Stems/Leaves** Flat, pale green leaves 4-7 mm long, obtuse or truncate in shape. Leaf blade 2-15 mm wide, glabrous, smooth or minutely rough <sup>19</sup>.

**Flowers** Narrow, erect panicle 6-20 cm long, flowering from spring to summer <sup>19</sup>.

**Fruit/Seed** Caryopsis produces a prolific number of seeds with high viability, from spring to summer. Dispersal is via wind, water and birds <sup>8</sup>.

**Root system** Fibrous roots below the crown <sup>8</sup>.

**Removal techniques**

**Manual** Cut the grass below the crown with a sharp knife before seeding. Remove all seed heads <sup>8</sup>.

**Chemical** Spray the weed with glyphosate at a ratio of 1:150-200 <sup>22</sup>.

**Similar native species**

Weeping Grass: (*Microlaena stipoides*): A small slender grass 15-70 cm high usually with nodding spikelets. Flat, thin, smooth or slightly hairy leaves <sup>9</sup>.

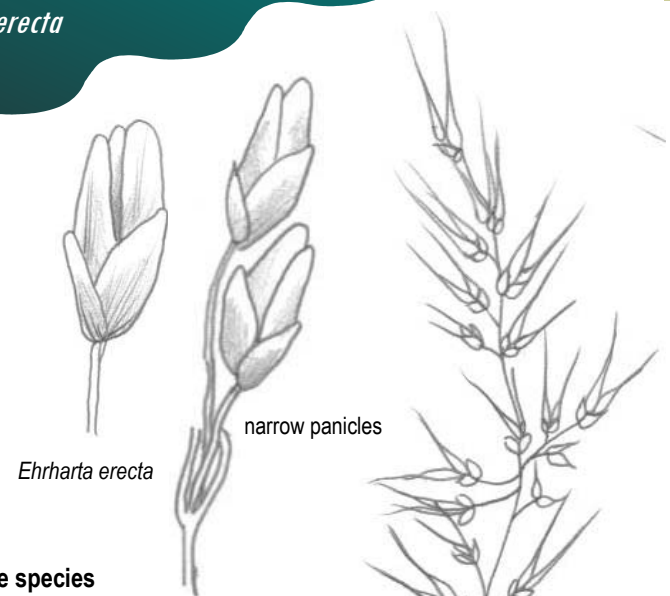
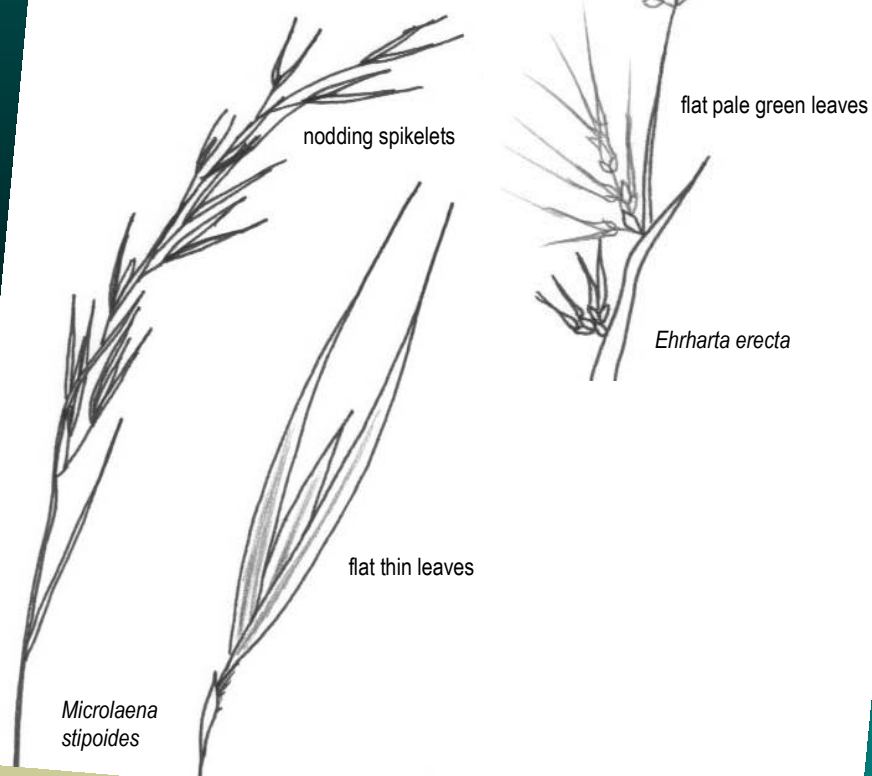
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This grass is encouraged by cool fire events <sup>8</sup>.

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