

**WHISKY GRASS***Andropogon virginicus***GRASS****Family** Poaceae**Origin** America

**Description** A tufted, branched, erect, perennial grass with solid culms up to 1 m high. Found on roadsides and disturbed ground <sup>19</sup>.

**Stems/Leaves** Long, narrow leaves 2-5 mm wide in several groups of 2-4 racemes. Leaves are green to bronze in colour. Leaf blade flat or folded <sup>19</sup>.

**Flowers** Sessile spikelets 3 mm long, flowering in summer <sup>19</sup>.

**Fruit/Seed** Caryopsis on bearded stalk. Dispersal is via wind, animals and machinery <sup>8</sup>.

**Root system** Densely fibrous <sup>8</sup>.

**Removal techniques**

**Manual** Cut around and below the root mass and bag the crown. Best carried out before flowering <sup>8</sup>.

**Chemical** Chemical controls are available. Apply glyphosate at a ratio of 1:100. A spot spray is effective <sup>22</sup>.

**Similar native species**

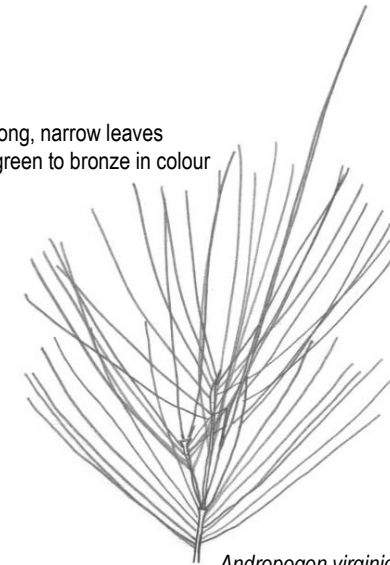
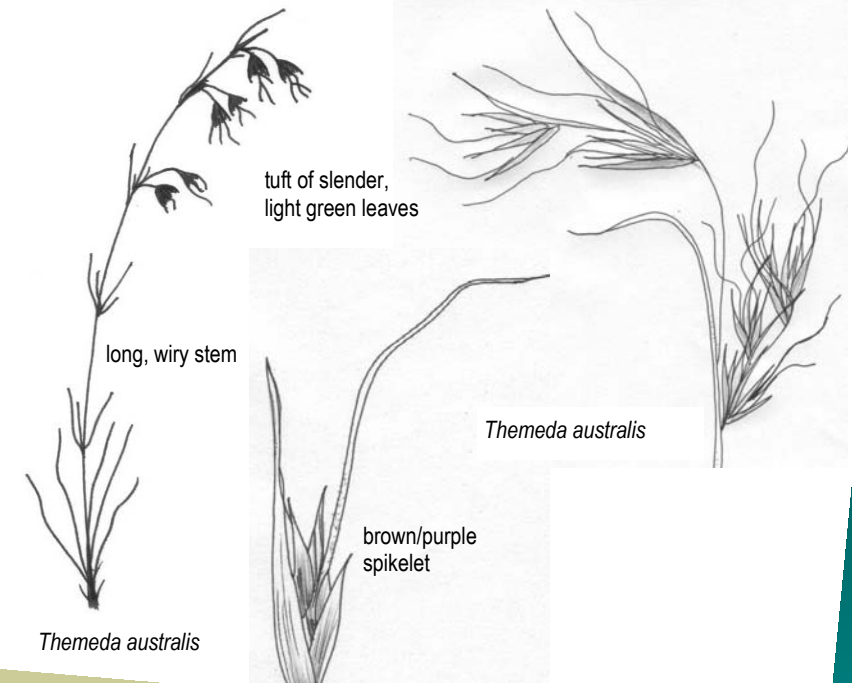
Kangaroo Grass (*Themeda australis*): A grass with a tuft of soft slender light green leaves and a long wiry stem up to 1 m high. Recognised by a brown and purplish spikelet cluster. Common on all soil types and one of the most widely distributed grasses through Australia. Now commonly out-competed by introduced grasses <sup>9</sup>.

**Notes**

After fire events and other disturbance the seed germinates and the grass re-shoots from base <sup>8</sup>.

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