

Grasses of Mt Gravatt Conservation Reserve

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Poaceae
Alloteropsis semialata
Cockatoo Grass



Poaceae
Andropogon virginicus
Whisky Grass, Broomsedge

WEED!

Typically found along road verges and other disturbed areas. Introduced to Australia prior to 1900 in packing with American whisky bottles.

Similar to *Themeda triandra* Kangaroo Grass. Whiskey Grass tends to be more upright with flowers/seeds along stem rather than just at top.



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Poaceae
Aristida queenslandica
Wire grass

Distinctive three points on tips.

Caterpillar food plant for
Orange-streaked Ringlet



Orange-streaked Ringlet



Poaceae
Bothriochloa decipiens
Pitted Bluegrass



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Poaceae
Capillipedium spicigerum
Scented Top Grass

Flower scented when crushed
Looks similar to weed Red Natal grass
Distinctive awns (spike/beard) on tip of flower

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet



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Poaceae
Chloris gayana
Rhodes Grass

WEED!

Pasture grass identified by flower with distinctive double whorl.



Spreads by runners as well as seed.



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Poaceae
Cymbopogon refractus
Barbed Wire Grass

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet
Evening Brown



Evening Brown Caterpillar



Poaceae
Dichanthium sericeum ssp
sericeum
Queensland Bluegrass

Endangered in some Qld habitats

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet



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Poaceae
Dichelachne micrantha
Short-hair Plumegrass

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet



Poaceae
Digitaria parviflora
Small Flowered Finger Grass

Similar to Guinea Grass
Digitaria is shorter – about knee height,
seeds approx half size and stem (bottom)
is smooth while Guinea Grass is covered in
hairs.



Identify differences *Digitaria parviflora*



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Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet



Orange-streaked Ringlet



Poaceae
Echinochloa colona
Awnless Barnyard Grass



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Poaceae
Echinopogon ovatus
Forest Hedgehog Grass



Poaceae
Eleusine indica
Crowsfoot Grass

WEED!



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Poaceae
Entolasia stricta
Wiry Panic

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet



Poaceae
Eragrostis elongata
Wiry Love Grass

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet



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Poaceae
Imperata cylindrica
Blady Grass

Tough grass with sharp blade-like edges which can cut hands.

Caterpillar food plant for:
Evening Brown
Greenish Grass-dart



Greenish Grass-dart butterfly



Poaceae
Melinis minutiflora
Molasses Grass

WEED!

Strong odour like molasses, leaf blades commonly 30cm and reddish colour.



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Poaceae
Melinis repens
Red Natal Grass

WEED!



Poaceae
Opismenus aemulus
Creeping Beard Grass,
Rainforest Grass

Caterpillar food plant for:
White-brand Grass-skipper
Orange-streaked Ringlet



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Poaceae
Oplismenus imbecillis
Basket/Pademelon Grass

Similar to *Oplismenus aemulus* –
underside of leaves purple

Caterpillar food plant for:
White-brand Grass-skipper



Poaceae
Ottochloa gracillima
Graceful Grass

Caterpillar food plant for:
Brown Ringlet
Orange-streaked Ringlet
White-brand Grass-skipper



Brown Ringlet butterfly



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Poaceae
Panicum decompositum
Native Millet



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Poaceae
Panicum maximum v *maximum*
Guinea Grass or Green Panic

WEED!

Caterpillar food plant for:
Evening Brown
Greenish Grass-dart

Similar Small Flowered Finger Grass
Guinea Grass taller – up to 3 metres,
seeds approx.. twice size and stem
covered in hairs, while Digitaria is
smooth.



Very high fire risk.



Loose dry grass accumulates, creating
a fuel and oxygen mix that promotes
intense fires that can kill canopy trees.



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Poaceae
Paspalidium gausum
Shot or Sago Grass



Poaceae
Cenchrus purpurascens
Elephant Grass

WEED!



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Poaceae
Phyllostachys sp.
Bamboo

WEED!
Environmental Weed – Class E

Spreads by underground runners.



Poaceae
Setaria pumila
Pale Pigeon Grass



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Poaceae
Sporobolus elongatus
Slender Rat's Tail Grass



Poaceae
Sporobolus fertilis
Giant Parramatta Grass

WEED!
Class 2 Declared Weed


Similar to Giant Rat's Tail Grass



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Poaceae
Themeda triandra
Kangaroo Grass

Caterpillar food plant for:
Evening Brown
Orange Ringlet
Ringed Xenica
Common Brown



Evening Brown



Poaceae
Urochloa decumbens
Signal Grass

WEED!

Caterpillar food plant for:
Orange-streaked Ringlet

