

African love grass (*Eragrostis curvula*)



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African love grass is a vigorous, deep-rooted, clump-forming, perennial grass, growing to 1.5 m tall. It is mainly found in drier areas and has occasionally been planted both here and overseas.

The grass is densely tufted, with narrow leaves that are harsh to the touch, have margins rolled inwards and are usually hairless. The flower heads are slightly pyramid shaped.

The plants produce many seeds which are not specially adapted for long distance dispersal, but can be moved short distances by wind.

Individual plants can be grubbed or dug out. Larger infestations can be controlled with herbicide.

African love grass is of limited distribution in New Zealand. Any suspected new infestations should be reported to your Regional Council, who will advise on control methods.