

Mexican feather grass* (*Nassella tenuissima*)



Many-branched silvery inflorescence

* Also known as **Fine-stemmed needle grass**

Mexican feather grass is a clump forming grass that grows up to 1 m high. Found in sunny, dry climates, it prefers well-drained soil and is drought tolerant. The grass, with its hair-like leaves and slender, wiry stems, resembles a dense green fountain. A many-branched silvery inflorescence in summer becomes light straw coloured by autumn.

Spread is by seed dispersed by wind or water, or contaminated soil.

Mexican feather grass can be dug out and disposed of carefully, or it can be effectively controlled with herbicide.

This grass is sometimes cultivated in gardens, and has escaped to form colonies in the wild in both Hamilton and Auckland. Any new infestations should be reported to your Regional Council who can provide advice on control methods.