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Inflorescence and seed heads
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### Plant Features

**Growth form**
Annual or perennial, C4, prostrate, often looking like a rosette, sometimes erect, grass. 3–200mm high by 300mm wide.

**Leaves**
The leaf sheaths are rough, rigid and loosely wrapped around the stem. The leaf blades are 40–80mm long and 1–3.5mm wide. The stems are shiny.

**Flowers**
The inflorescence is purple/green/brownish red, found on the end of the stems and can be spreading to upright, 20–170mm long by 10–15mm wide. The mass of inflorescences often forms a ring around the entire plant. Flowers from Apr–Sept.

**Fruits**
The seed is oval, flattened, waxy and very small.

### Distribution
Found throughout the Avon catchment and over much of the state excluding the Kimberley and far south west. Also found in all mainland states.

### Zone, habitat
Grows in a range of soil types but prefers lighter soils and found across the landscape especially floodfringes and drier end of floodways including saline areas.

### Revegetation information and other points
A useful grass species for revegetating floodfringes and floodways as it network of roots and ground covering foliage stabilise the soil. Often seen volunteering in saline areas. It is moderately waterlogging, drought and salt tolerant. Plants can be grown from tubestock or direct seeded. It is very palatable to stock and native fauna.