

PROTECT CANTERBURY

Broomsedge

Andropogon virginicus

IMPACT: Production pest – outcompeting desirable pasture species and is less palatable to stock

HABITAT: Disturbed areas particularly with poor soil quality, open habitats

IDENTIFICATION:

- Perennial clumping grass up to 1m tall
- Leaves are green and turn purplish, then orange-straw coloured when mature
- Leaf bases are hairy above and on ligules
- Seed heads are distinctly long and narrow with paired racemes of 2-4 clusters
- A prolific seeder, small hardy seeds are easily dispersed through human activity, wind and animals

Broomsedge is not known to exist in Canterbury. If you have seen this plant anywhere in Canterbury please send a photo to biosecurity@ecan.govt.nz or report the sighting using the Find-a-Pest app



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