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Chilean needle grass

Nassella neesiana



▶ **IMPACTS:** Production

▶ **HABITAT:** Dry, hard hill country with light soil, heavily grazed pasture and bare ground.

▶ **IDENTIFICATION:**

- An erect tufted perennial grass
- Leaves are bright green 2-8mm wide, flat and rough towards base
- Purple panicle with sharp seed present during November/ December
- Seed has long, kinked awns up to 7cm long and sharp needle-like tip

