



# TOETOE

(*Austroderia species*)  
Syn ( *Cortaderia species*)

Understory  
2m



### Description:

- The genus has undergone a recent name change. Two of the main species in the north are *A. fulvida* NZ's smallest toetoe and *A. splendens*
- Toetoe grows in a wide range of sites—bush, swamps and dunes. It is most tolerant of weather extremes
- Characterised by its grass like leaves with *parallel veins* and a *drooping feathery top*

**\*\*Toetoe is not to be mistaken for the weedy Pampas grass brought in from South America. Pampas has a single leaf vein or mid rib and an erect, purple tinged flower head\*\***

### Uses:

- Toetoe is ideal for providing rapid shelter - on the farm or in revegetation sites
- The leaves and stalks are used in weaving and in the making of tukutuku panels to be found in meeting houses