

Pampas

Description: Large-clump-forming grass to 4 m+. Leaf base is smooth or sparsely hairy, with no white waxy surface. Leaves are blueish-green above and dark green below, have a conspicuous midrib which does not continue into leaf base, no secondary veins between midrib and leaf edge, and snap readily when tugged. Dead leaf bases spiral like wood shavings.

Habitats: Forest light gaps, slips, margins, disturbed sites, open habitats, riverbeds, cliffs, inshore and offshore islands, tussockland, fernland, herbfield, duneland, coastline, gumlands, salt marsh, estuaries, and shrublands.

Flowering time: Erect, dense, fluffy, white-pinkish flowerheads are produced from January to June which fade to a dirty white as seed forms.

