



Giant Parramatta Grass

(*Sporobolus fertilis*)

Origin: Tropical Asia. DECLARED NOXIOUS IN THE SHIRE

How to recognise it: Seed head is shaped like the tail of a rat (but the common name 'Rat's tail' is given to another closely related species). Leaves are narrow and the base of the plant is made up of tough, shiny stems, arranged in a 'fan-like' clusters. (Consider the smaller Parramatta Grass effectively identical.)

Weed status: This is one of the invasive, perennial weed grasses listed as a 'threatening process' in NSW as can invade and dominate quickly. Readily spread by cars and slashers.

Control and prevention: 'Bag' seedheads and 'Crown' out with a mattock or knife to ensure dead. Elevate crown off ground. If too much to do manually, spray with 1:100 glyphosate or a selective grass herbicide, with advice. Seed may live about 10 years in soil. Prevent spread by ensuring only clean machinery/vehicles used for mowing or earthworks. Avoid accessing infected areas if seed heads wet as seed sticks to vehicles and people and can be more easily spread longer distances.

Location on Korinderie. Road edges (including old road hill), shed turning circle, virtually all house sites - although populations much reduced over recent years due to consistent efforts by most people.