

# *Austrodanthonia* spp

## White top, Wallaby grass, Danthonia

Perennial tufted C<sub>3</sub> grass, to 100 cm high, with many sub-species, one of which will grow in almost any position. Photos demonstrate the differences in sub species. Palatable and good protein levels. Danthonia will respond to rain at any time of year, however it is frost tender.

One of the first native grasses to be recognized for its fodder value, and researched for improved cultivars. It is a common component of native pastures in the southern areas of Australia.

### Identification

**Stems** smooth, about 4 noded.

**Leaves** 20-30 cm long, 1-2.5 mm wide, very often hairy.

**Seedhead** varies greatly from unripe to ripe, see scan to left. The ripe seed is distinctly white and fluffy.

**Seed** hairy with one bent and twisted awn.

**Flowering** any time of year in appropriate conditions (moist and frost free).

