

Silky Brown Top

Eulalia fulva

Perennial, C4, dense, tussocky, 40-150 cm tall and to 60 cm wide at the base.

Jenny Anderson's favourite grass!

An ephemeral grass, in that it is rarely seen in the same spot two years running, then appears in new spots.

Growing in moist areas on flats, along creek banks, on clay soils, also in loamy red earth soils and on hill slopes.

Grazed readily when young. I have observed the seed heads being grazed by cattle, which could account for its spread to new locations. However, this is contrary to entry in Plants of Western NSW.



Identification

Stems erect, smooth, hairless, pale yellowish-green changing to red in places.

Nodes Sometimes bent, red/brown.

Leaves Flat, 15-30 cm long, 2-6 mm wide, tapered to a fine point, bluish-green.

Seedhead 2-4 (usually 3) silky, hairy, red-brown "spikes" 5-11 cm long and of unequal length, clustered or loose, borne well above the uppermost leaves.

Flowering Summer and Autumn