

Slender Panic

Paspidium gracile.

Perennial C₄ erect, green, tussocky grass.
10-80 cm tall, rather wiry and rigid.

Grows on rocky, hilly and poor soils.

Readily grazed with good protein levels.



Identification

Stems freely branching,
5 noded.

Leaves finely pointed,
usually rolled, up to 14 cm
long, 3.5 mm when
flattened, frequently
sprinkled with fine white
hairs, lower leaf surface
smooth or minutely
roughened, mid-rib
distinct.

Seed heads panicle
borne well above the
leaves, narrow, bearing
up to 10 "spikes" each
with a few seeds.

Seeds 2 flowered, 2-2.75
cm long, on stalks 0.2-0.5
mm long, green or pale
violet, hairless.

