

Heteropogon contortus  [简体中文](#) [正體中文](#)

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Cyperales	Poaceae

Common name

Synonym

Similar species

Summary

Heteropogon contortus is a thick, fast growing perennial grass, whose stems reach 1.2 meters high. A native of South Africa, southern Asia, northern Australia and Oceania, it has become a weed in the tropics and subtropics of the American continent and in east Asia. It is abundant in regions where rainfall is less than 800mm. Rarely cultivated, it grows spontaneously wherever grasslands suffer from seasonal fires. It resists fire very well and can lead to the formation of savannahs.



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Managment information

General information

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Summary: An online database that provides taxonomic information, common names, synonyms and geographical jurisdiction of a species. In addition links are provided to retrieve biological records and collection information from the Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Data Portal and bioscience articles from BioOne journals.

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