

Annual Veldt Grass – native to South Africa, a weed in South Australia

Ehrharta longiflora

A rampant Winter/Spring-growing grass that is especially common along the western end of Fourth Creek. It produces large quantities of seed. The extent of infestation is probably beyond mechanical removal, except around shrubs that have been planted. Spraying over a number of years may be required to control the grasses and should be followed up with direct seeding of native grasses and herbs.



Erect, annual grass to 1m high; leaves to 30cm long by 1cm wide. Purple colouring on leaf base, stem nodes and flower spikelets.

Flowers: Drooping spikelets, in drooping, slender, one sided panicles.



Weedy distribution

Invades woodlands, grasslands and degraded pastures in all agricultural districts of SA. Occurs in most states (not N.T.) and in N.Z and USA

Optimal treatment in August, September and October

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Sources:

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