

Department of Primary Industries Keep it clean! Prevent weed spread!

- Avoid driving through infestations
- Inspect and clean clothing and equipment
- ROTECT Report suspicious plants



Look out for invasive grass weeds!

Grass weeds are highly invasive plants that:

- compete with desirable pastures and native vegetation
- are adapted to a wide range of environments
- have large persistent seedbanks
- can cause animal health problems
- lower land values, productivity and reduce bio-diversity

How are grass weeds introduced?

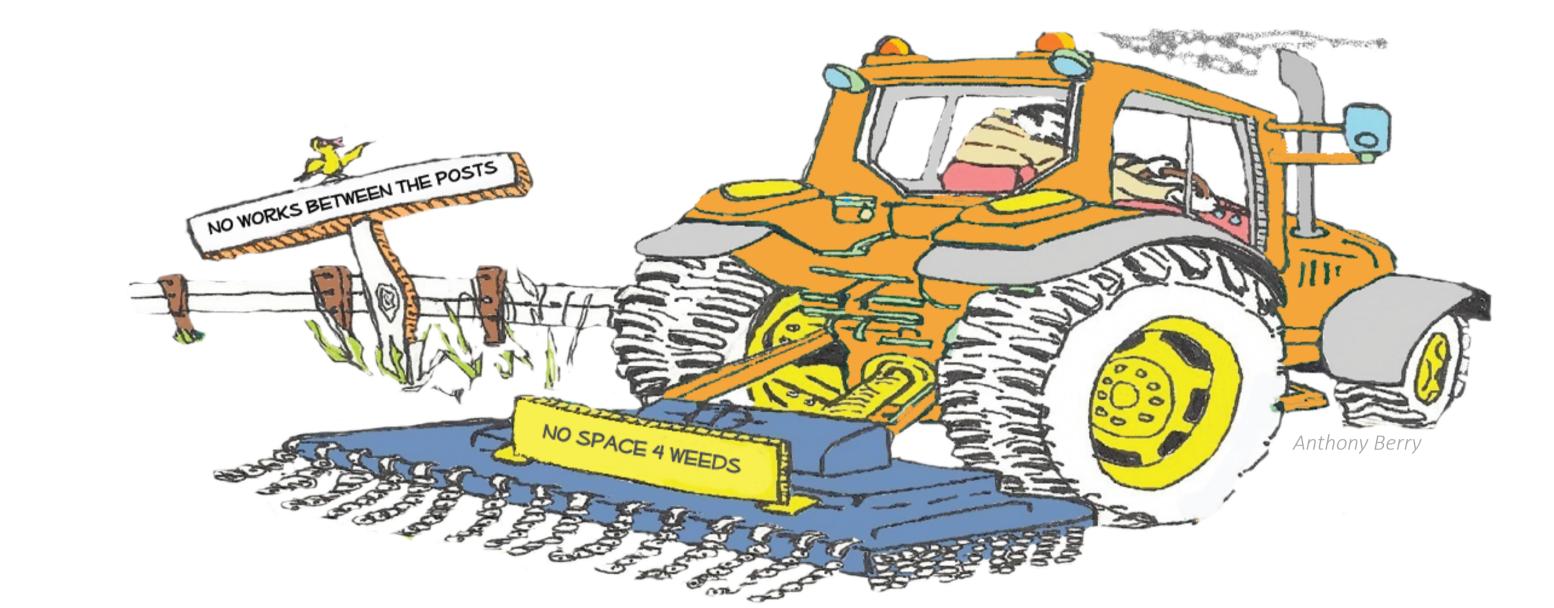
The smallest of seeds can be carried far and wide by vehicles, machinery, equipment, animals and livestock potentially spreading weeds to farms and bushland across the Riverina. Weeds can also be transported in soil, clothing and footwear.

Although preventing the spread of weeds can be difficult, it is the cheapest and most effective method of weed control.

How can you help?

Be aware and follow these simple steps to prevent the spread of grass weeds:

- early detection learn how to recognise grass weeds and have unknown plants identified
- rapid response report suspicious plants to your local council weeds officer
- good hygiene practices limit machinery and stock movement between infested and weed free areas



Known locations in the Riverina

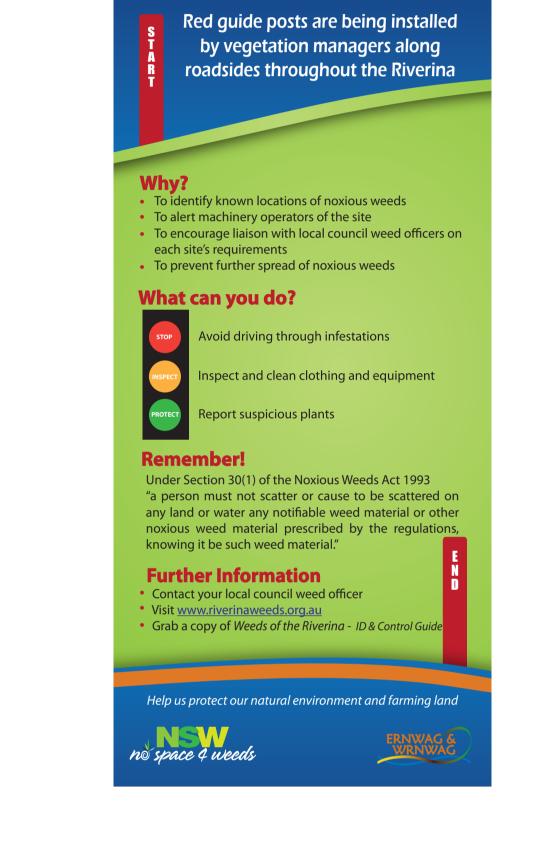
Cane needle grass - Wagga Wagga

Chilean needle grass - primarily on roadsides in Albury; Corowa; Greater Hume; Jerilderie; Tumut; Urana; Wagga Wagga

Coolatai grass - detected in several Riverina council areas. Infestations are mostly minor with only a few well established large patches on roadsides

Mexican feather grass - approximately 4000 plants were mistakenly sold through the nursery trade from January to May 2008. some of these in Albury stores. Not all were recovered through a recall program.

Serrated tussock - Albury; Cootamundra; Corowa; Greater Hume; Gundagai; Tumut; Wagga Wagga Spiny burrgrass - mainly a weed of Western Riverina. It has also been detected in Greater Hume







GRASS WEEDS

Did you know that weeds are easily spread along roadsides? Red guide posts have been placed to identify serious weed locations. Avoid the red guide posted sites by not stopping in these areas.

Look out for these grass weeds on or near your property



Cane needle grass Nassella hyalina



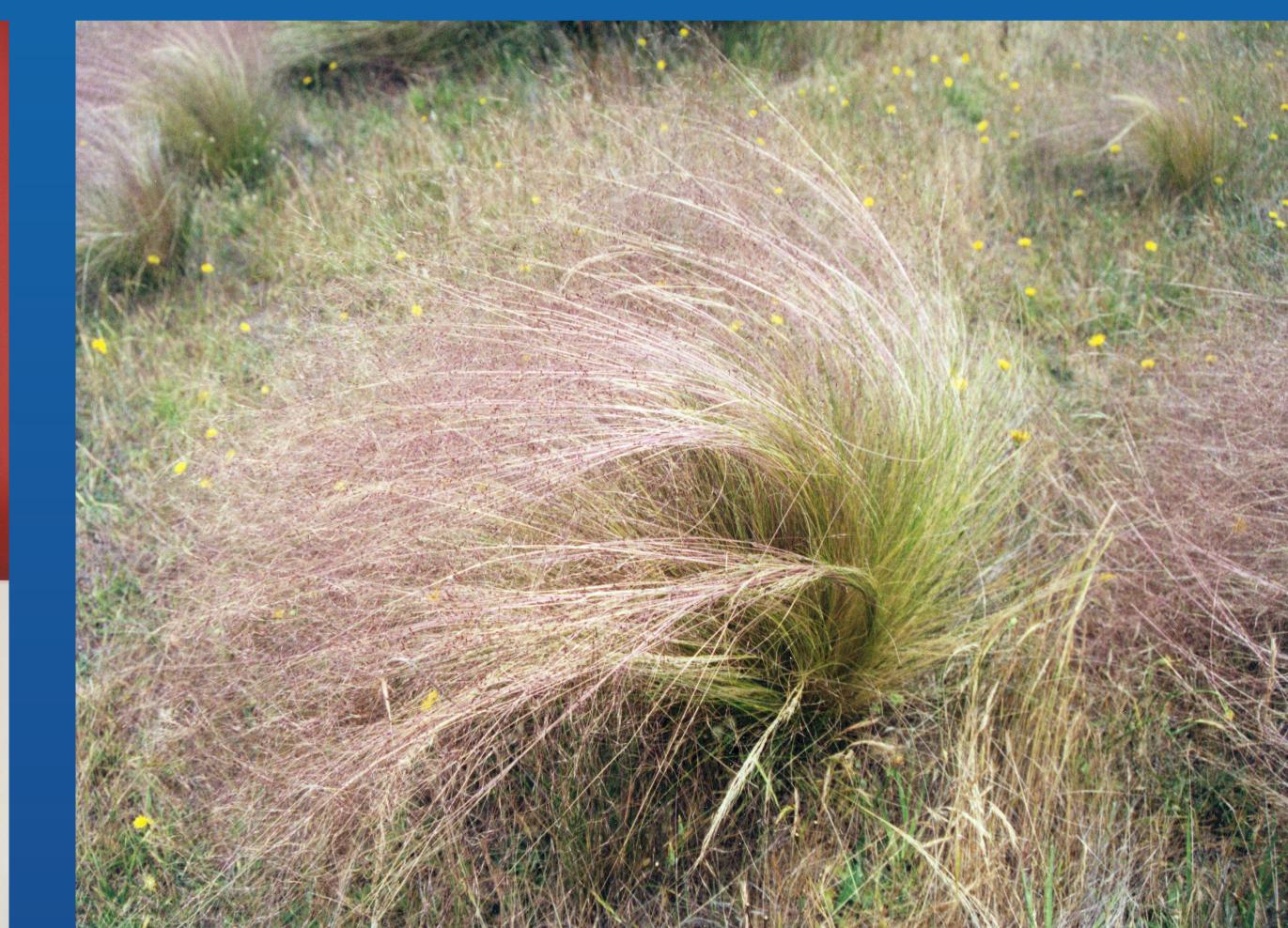
Chilean needle grass Nasella neesiana



Coolatai grass Hyparrhenia hirta



Mexican feather grass Nassella tenuissima



Serrated tussock Nassella trichotoma



Spiny burrgrass Cenchrus incertus, C. longispinus