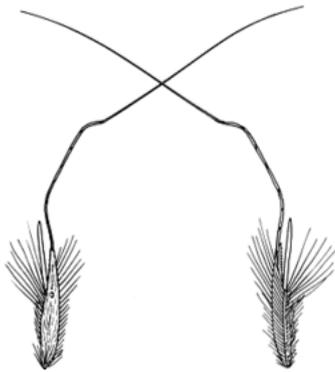


## Poaceae

### *Borhriochloa decipiens* var. *decipiens* pitted bluegrass



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#### ETYMOLOGY

(both-ree-o-CLO-a) joints & pedicels are grooved Greek bothrion = little pit + chloe = grass; The Latin species decipiens (dee-SIP-ee-ens) deceiving, deceive Resembling another species, or in some other way deceptive.

#### LIFEFORM

Grass 30 cm-1.5 m

#### OCCURS

Darling Downs Qld to NSW, NE Vic

#### QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Maranoa, Mitchell, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Warrego, Wide Bay

#### HABITAT

Eucalypt woodland, overgrazed pastures. Good for drier climate.

#### LEAVES

Blades, 10-25 cm, narrow in basal tussock bluish green glabrous; stems erect slender purplish on wiry stems often bent, joint without hairs 40 awned lemmas.

#### FLOWERS

Spikelets in pairs purplish hairy bearing long awn; Inflorescences 3-5 branches, spreading like ribs of umbrella arising from the same point or almost.

**Flowering Times** Feb, March, April

#### FRUIT.

Hygroscopic behaviour of awn means tissues twist, curl, or straighten in response to changing humidity, helping the seed drill into soil.

#### STEM

Caespitose perennial tall tufted grass

#### ETHNOBOTANY

Does not produce much leafage so little fodder not readily eaten.

#### WILDLIFE

Eastern Grey Kangaroo.