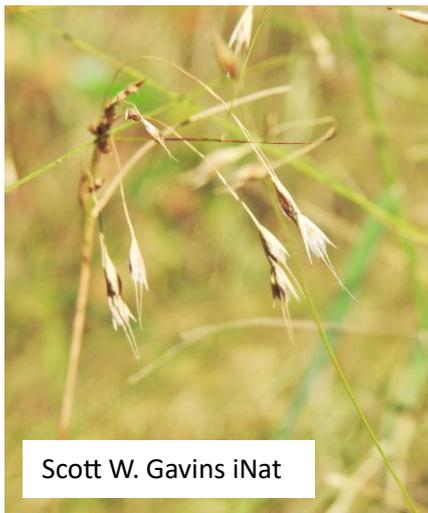


Poaceae

Eriachne pallescens wanderrie grass



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ETYMOLOGY

(er-e-ACK-nee) Greek erion = wool + achne = chaff, referring to hairy florets; The species pallescens = becoming paler.

LIFEFORM

Grass 30-80cm

STATUS

Well conserved Uncommon population size; Recorded >325 locations.

OCCURS

Burgess Ck Noosa, Moreton Island Qld, Grafton NSW, Occurs in Cape York Peninsula, NEQ, CEQ and southwards to north-eastern NSW Also in NT (NG, Mal, Asia, PI)

QLD DISTRICTS

Burke, Burnett, Cook, Leichhardt, Moreton, North Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Coastal Lowlands on rocky ridges

LEAVES

Blades, 5-18 cm x 1-3.5 mm, rigid, surface scabrous, hairless or hairy. rolled when dry, ribbed, margins with rigid tubercle-based hairs 0.5 mm long every 1-2 mm, upper surface glabrous, lower surface with sparse tubercle-based hairs.

FLOWERS

Panicle, 6-15 x 3-9 cm open, ovate, straw coloured hairy with stunted rachilla, long slender awns; **Flowering times** Oct, Nov, Dec

FRUIT

Grains oval with 2 short slender awns; spikelets fall off at maturity leaving the glumes still attached; **Fruiting times** March, April, May

ROOT

Fibrous and tubular roots

STEM

Erect perennial grass in tussocks; hairless nodes

ETHNOBOTANY

Little economic significance as does not contribute much feed to grazing animals.

LANDSCAPE USES

Restoring grasslands minimal water plant on edges, used as erosion control

TOLERANCE

Full Sun drought-tolerant Adapted to harsh conditions, Recovers after fire

BIRD

Peaceful Dove, Bar-shouldered Dove (Seeds)

BUTTERFLY

Hypocysta irius Northern Ringlet, *Mycalesis perseus* Dingy Bush-brown

ID FEATURE

Confused with *Panicum effusum* which has round seed; Hairless nodes + Lemmas distinctly awned, awn 4 mm or more long.