

**Poaceae**  
***Ottochloa nodosa***  
 hairy forest grass

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**ETYMOLOGY**

(ot-o-CLO-a) named for Dr Otto Stapf, 1857-1933 distinguished agrostologist; The Latin species *nodosa* from *nodus* = knot + *osa* = abundance. Culm (stem) nodes swollen.

**LIFEFORM STATUS**

Grass 20cm-2m

Southern Limit Buderim Qld; Poorly known, widespread species, occurring in shaded areas of tropical forests and woodlands of eastern Australia.

**OCCURS HABITAT**

Baron Falls, Agnes Water, N Qld to N NSW

Melaleuca forests, Gullies, Rainforest Margins

**LEAVES**

Blades, 1.5-20 cm x 2-20 mm, tufts obscure cross nerves, margin scabrous

**FLOWERS**

Loose panicle with branched inflorescence; **Flowering times** July, Aug, Sept

**FRUIT**

Grains Fertile spikelets 2-flowered, comprising 1 fertile floret, lower floret sterile, upper fertile, without rachilla extension, oblong, dorsally compressed, 2.5-3.6 mm, falling entire; **Fruiting times** July, Aug, Sept

**ROOTS**

Roots at lower nodes, often forming green mats (Wheeler et al 1990)

**STEM**

Slender perennial grass, Broad at base with scrambling or decumbent stems.

**BUTTERFLY**

*Heteronympha mirifica* Brown Ringlet; *Hyocysta metirius* Common Brown Ringlet; *Toxidia doubledayi* Lilac Grass Skipper, *Toxidia rietmanni* White-Brand Grass-skipper.

**ID FEATURE**

Culm (stem) nodes swollen + Fine short hairs near margin + Spikelets 3-3.5 mm long