

Poaceae

Oplismenus hirtellus now
Oplismenus imbecillis
Pademelon Grass



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ETMOLOGY

(o-PLIZ-men-us) Greek oplismenos = armed, because grasses are awned; The species hirtellus = rough or shaggy.

LIFEFORM

Grass 15 cm

OCCURS

Miriam Vale, Lamington Qld to NSW, East Gippsland Vic (NG, NZ)

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Moreton, North Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Gullies, Wetland, Dry Rainforest, Semi-evergreens Vine Thicket

LEAVES

Blades, 1.5-8 cm x 4-18 mm, broad hairy both surfaces.

FLOWERS

Racemes 6 cm with 2-4 primary branches.

Flowering Times Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, May

FRUIT

Dry, 1-seeded, indehiscent fruit.

ROOTS

Stoloniferous rooting at nodes.

STEM

Weak, creeping, trailing perennial grass

LANDSCAPE USES

Good groundcover in shaded areas. Coloniser of bare shady sites. Eaten by European rabbit *Oryctolagus cuniculus*

BIRD

Brown Quail (Habitat)

BUTTERFLY

Mycalesis terminus (Orange Bush-brown), *Heteronympha mirifica* (Wonder Brown), *Toxidia doubledayi* (Lilac Grass-skipper), *Toxidia rietmanni* (White-brand Grass-skipper)

ID FEATURE

Purple on underside of leaves

