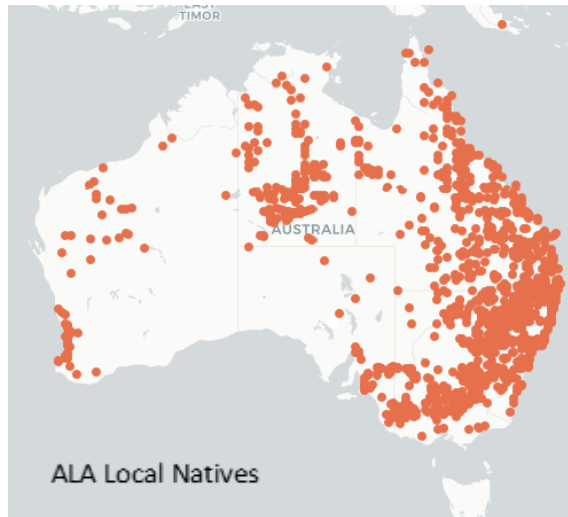


Poaceae

Eragrostis elongata clustered love-grass



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ETYMOLOGY

(erra-GROS-tiss) Greek eros = love + agrostis = grass; The Latin species elongata (ee-lon-GAH-tah) lengthened; elongated Inflorescence;

LIFEFORM

Grass 75-80 cm

STATUS

All mainland states; Recorded from Busselton, Bridgetown Widespread in south west scattered records from Kimberley WA NSW Locations: Wyong, Emu Plains, Pymble, Brisbane Qld to NSW, Vic, SA, Gnowangerup, Gosnells WA, NT (NG)

OCCURS

QLD DISTRICTS

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

HABITAT

Coastal Sand scrub, Riverbanks, Woodland

LEAVES

Blades, 15 cm x 2-3 mm, linear flat, in-rolled, smooth. Ligule hairy on margin flat;

FLOWERS

Spikelets, 8 x 1.5-2 mm, interrupted 6-14 flowered, narrow, shortly-branched, chaffy flower head, Glumes ovate, 2 mm, one longer than the other. Lemmas, 1.5 mm ovate;

Flowering times Aug, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec

FRUIT

Herringbone arrangement of seeds; **Fruiting times** Dec, Jan, Feb, March, April, May

STEM

Densely tufted small perennial short-lived grass

ETHNOBOTANY

Valuable fodder, when young;

TOLERANCE

Full sun drought tolerant

BIRD

Fruit eaten by Peaceful Dove, Bar-shoulder Dove

INDIGENOUS USES

Seed paste used as medicine;

ID FEATURE

Inflorescence narrow spike-like Spikelets 3-8 x 1.5-2 mm in dense stalkless or sub-sessile clusters 6-14-flowered, along the axis of an interrupted spike-like panicle;