

Poaceae

Ischaemum fragile

weak Ischaemum



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ETYMOLOGY

(isk-EEM-um) Greek ischo = to restrain or check + haima = blood; The Latin species fragile for weak. Rhacilla readily disarticulating shortly after maturity.

LIFEFORM

Grass 40cm-1m

STATUS

Occurs in Australia in Qld, NT; Restricted to the Top End north of Daly River; Grows in swampy areas along waterways on edges of lagoons on drier parts of floodplains;

OCCURS

St Pauls Island Qld, Minnie Water NSW, NT (Mal, NG)

QLD DISTRICTS

Cook, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Coastal Woodland, Heath, Watercourse

LEAVES

Blades, 6-33 cm x 3-7 mm, surface hairless, apex acuminate, 3-7noded. Mid-culm nodes glabrous or bearded. Lateral branches simple;

FLOWERS

Single spikes 4-6 cm, rachis (flower branch) fragile at nodes, angular, ciliate on margins. Raceme internodes inflated, internode tip transverse;

Flowering times March, April, May, June

FRUIT

Single raceme sessile spikelets 6-7 mm hairless; **Fruiting times** May, June. July

STEM

Stem hollow interrupted by nodes

BUTTERFLY

Hypocysta adiante Orange Ringlet, *Mycalesis sirius* Cedar Bush-brown

ID FEATURE

Similar to *Ischaemum australe* but smaller and yellowish-green; Stalkless spikelet 6-7 mm, hairless; Associated with Wallum;