

## 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

Underside of leaves purple and rough.