

Poaceae
Paspalidium distans
 slender panic



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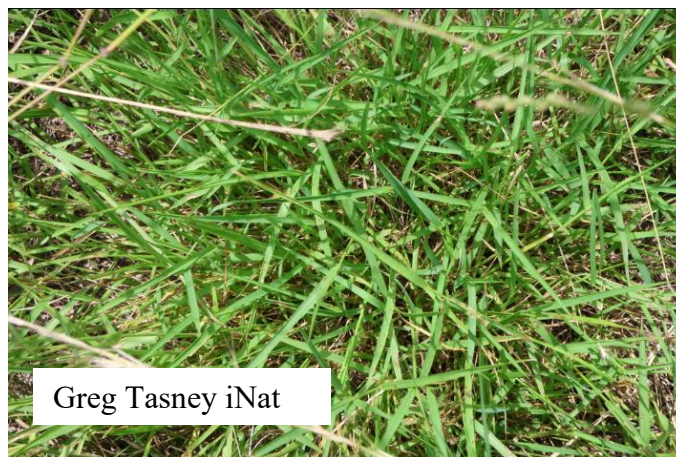


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ETYMOLOGY

(pas-pal-ID-ee-um) Greek Paspalos = millet + idium = is a diminutive; The Latin species = distans scattered referring to populations far apart Spikelets widely separated in inflorescence.

LIFEFORM

Grass 35-40 cm

OCCURS

Darling Downs SE Qld to NSW, NT, WA (NG, Mel, Mal)

QLD DISTRICTS

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

HABITAT

Open forest, River banks, Arid and semi-arid low woodlands

LEAVES

Blades, 7-24 cm x 2-9 mm rigid, rough (scabrous), margins hairy, apex acuminate; pilose or glabrescent and scabrous on the lower surface. with sheath pilose hairless; ligule a dense row of cilia;

FLOWERS

Racemes 4-5 distant appressed unilateral 3.5 cm bearing 9-20 fertile spikelets on each, central axis 10-24 cm tip filiform. Rhachis angular, scabrous on margins, terminating in sterile spikelet packing abaxial imbricate 2-rowed.

Flowering Times Feb, March, April, May, June, July, August

FRUIT

Grains with adherent pericarp; **Fruiting Times** March, April, May, June, July, Aug, Sept

ROOTS

Short rhizomes

STEM

Tufted perennial, grass, young shoots extravaginal; culms unbranched nodes hairless (glabrous); sheath hairless with soft hairs in upper part margins minutely scabrous;

WILDLIFE

Bird food, Fodder palatable to stock;

BUTTERFLY

Melanitis leda (Evening Brown)

ID FEATURES

Seed on short stalklets. Appears to be fused to the stem.