

**Poaceae**

***Paspalidium gausum***  
now *Setaria gausa*  
shot grass or sago grass



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**ETYMOLOGY**

(pas-pal-ID-ee-um) Greek Paspalos = millet + idium = is a diminutive; The Greek species gausos = spikelets are curved;

**LIFEFORM**

Grass 35-80 cm

**OCCURS**

Moreton, Wide Bay Qld to NSW

**QLD DISTRICTS**

Cook, Leichhardt, Moreton, Noth/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

**HABITAT**

Wallum, Open forest

**LEAVES**

Blades, 15 x 0.4 cm, wiry, 2-4-noded, without nodal roots or rooting from lower nodes. Mid-culm internodes hollow, hairless.

**FLOWERS**

Panicles, 10-20 cm to 8 racemes **Flowering times** March, April, May

**FRUIT**

Grains, Seed with gap on stem. **Fruiting Times** May

**ROOTS**

Rhizomatous (horizontal stem hiding underground)

**STEM**

Perennial erect or decumbent; Stems often branched nodes and sheaths hairless, except for row of hairs on margin;

**WILDLIFE**

Bird food, Fodder palatable to stock;

**BUTTERFLY**

*Melanitis leda* Evening Brown

**ID FEATURES**

Similar to *P. distans* which finer and close to ground + Taller, erect wiry + Flowers/Seed larger and more noticeable + more spikes in the racemes up to 8 spikelets