

Urochloa mutica

System: Terrestrial

Kingdom	Phylum	Class	Order	Family
Plantae	Magnoliophyta	Liliopsida	Cyperales	Poaceae

Common name gramalote (Spanish), para grass (English), Scotch grass (English), tall panicum (English), herbe borer (French), water grass (English), zacuti para (Spanish), Dutch grass (English), California grass (English), pasto Pará (Spanish), hierba de Pará (Spanish), puakatau (English), giant couch (English), buffalo grass (English), herbe de Para (French), mauku puakatoro (English, Cook Islands), Mauritius grass (English), herbe de Guinée (French)

Synonym

Brachiaria mutica , (Forsk.) Stapf
Brachiaria purpurascens , (Raddi) Henr.
Panicum barbinode , Trin.
Panicum muticum , Forsk.
Panicum purpurascens , Raddi
Brachiaria mutica , (Forssk.) Stapf
Brachiaria purpurascens , Henr.
Panicum guadeloupense , Steudel
Panicum muticum , Forssk.

Similar species

Summary The perennial buffalo grass (*Urochloa mutica*) can grow to heights of two meters, it is found growing in wet fields, ditches and gullies from sea level to 700mts. It forms dense monotypic stands by layering of trailing stems and can overgrow shrubs and native vegetation in the habitats it invades. It also has a mild allelopathic effect. It can tolerate brackish water and interfere with stream flow due to its highly aggressive invasive habit.



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Management Info

Preventative measures: A [Risk Assessment of *Urochloa mutica*](#) prepared for Australia resulted in a high score of 14 and a recommendation of: "Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawaii and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behavior in Hawaii and/or other parts of the world."

A [Risk Assessment of *Urochloa mutica*](#) prepared for the Pacific region resulted in a high score of 12 and a recommendation of: "Likely to cause significant ecological or economic harm in Hawaii and on other Pacific Islands as determined by a high WRA score, which is based on published sources describing species biology and behavior in Hawaii and/or other parts of the world."

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