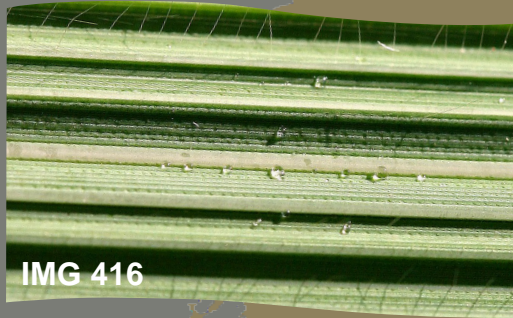


Austroderia fulvida syn. *Cortaderia fulvida*

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This species is the smallest of the NZ native toetoe found throughout the North Island, often on stream banks and swampy edges. It is a fast growing specie and commonly used in revegetation projects. Not to be confused with Pampas, which is a serious weed.

Cortaderia fulvida has been reclassified and renamed *Austroderia fulvida* in 2011.



Also known as 'cutty grass', because their leaf has sharp edges

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Description

Robust, tussock-forming grass up to 3.5 m tall when in flower. The green, sheath like leaves are generously covered in white wax and prickle like hairs.

Flowers

Distinctive, drooping, tan coloured flower heads appear in early summer. They can be recognised apart from the invasive pampas grass by their drooping flowering spikes, (pampas are upright).

Cultural uses

Māori used the toetoe leaves to make baskets, kites, mats, wall linings and roof thatching. It was also used to make containers to cook food in hot springs.