

Spear grass *Austrostipa* spp.

Flowers: September to January. H 30cm x Seed heads to 1.5m.



The Spear grasses are a very common component in sandy heathlands, in low open forests & along the immediate coastline of south eastern Melbourne. Foliage grows from 10 to 30 cm high with flower stems reaching from 0.5 to 1.5 metres depending on the species. Most species flower in spring to early summer. Flowerheads vary between the species, most have attractive feathery plumes. As the name suggests they produce sharp pointed seeds. Cutting back the tussock after the summer peak is recommended. Position full sun to semi shade & plant in groups for a natural effect. *Austrostipa mollis* & *A. pubinodis* should be available through local Indigenous nurseries.

