

# Rat's tail grass

## *Sporobolus species*

Rat's tail grass is not a declared weed in the Northern Territory.

### HABIT



Giant rat's tail grass grows to 1.7m tall when seeding. American rat's tail grass is shorter, growing to 1m tall.

### LEAVES & ROOTS



Tussocks are distinct and well rooted which makes them difficult to pull out. Leaves 6 - 8mm wide, are noticeably tougher than other grass species.

### FLOWERS



Tight spiked flower head, green to purple turning silvery with age.

### SEED HEAD



Seed heads can range from 25 - 80cm long and the side branches from 3 - 8cm long with a rat's tail appearance.

### SEED



Tiny brown seeds to 2mm in length. Sticky when wet.

Weed Management Officers from the Weed Management Branch can provide advice on all aspects of weed management including control techniques, biological control, legislative responsibilities, policy advice, monitoring and reporting and regional planning. For further information on weed management planning, integrated control, herbicide application techniques and monitoring please refer to the [NT Weed Management Handbook](#).