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SPECIES	Themeda triandra
COMMON NAME	Kangaroo Grass, red grass
ORIGIN	Australia, Africa, Asia and the Pacific
DESIGN USE	Ornamental plant



HEIGHT

1.5m

SPREAD

0.5m

HABIT

Tufted perennial plant

FORM

This is a tufted perennial grass that is very variable in appearance and size, ranging from 0.3-1.5 m in height. Plants from higher altitudes tend to be shorter and dark purple, whereas, at lower altitudes, plants are often lighter coloured and flushed only with purple. The basal parts of the tuft are usually compressed. The wedged-shaped, often pendant clusters of spikelets are surrounded by leaf-like spathes or bracts that are brown or reddish brown and are often flushed with mauve, purple or red.



FLOWERS

The spikelets (grass flowers) form wedge-shaped, usually hanging clusters that may or may not be hairy with long, black or white hairs

FLOWERING PERIOD

December to February

CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

Tolerant to warm-temperate regions.

HORTICULTURE

Although clay soils with a high organic content are preferred, if Themeda is occurring naturally in your area, you could try to grow it. Once established, little maintenance is needed except cutting back in winter to about one third of its size and removing most of the old dead leaves



REFERENCES

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