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SPECIES

Poa labillardieri

COMMON NAME

Large Tussock Grass

ORIGIN

All Australian mainland states except WA and NT

DESIGN USE

Borders, in pond gardens and to enhance native gardens



HEIGHT

80cm

SPREAD

80cm

HABIT

Grass like, very hardy perennial

FORM

This is an attractive large tussock grass with grey-green leaves. This grass forms large dense perennial tussocks, of numerous very slender leaves. Leaves are scabrous, 800 mm long by 3.5 mm wide, flat or channelled, at least half as high as the flowering stems.



FLOWERS

The inflorescence is an open panicle to 250 mm long. Individual flowers are purple and very small, 3 to 5 to a spikelet.

FLOWERING PERIOD

Spring and Summer; November



CLIMATIC TOLERANCES

This plants tolerates frost and cold to about -7C, and even extended wet and dry conditions in a variety of soil types. It is a drought tolerant species.

HORTICULTURE

The clumps turn a pale straw colour in summer, which also looks quite dramatic. Clumps can be chopped back quite vigorously to encourage new growth. It does best in higher nutrient soils in more coastal regions with adequate rainfall. Growing readily from seed, but also widely available from nurseries in tubes and pots. It thrives in full sun or part shade, even growing well under eucalypts.



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