

# Weed Alert!

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(*Ehrharta calycina*)

**Mature Size** Knee



## Description

- Tussock-forming grass 12-28 in. tall
- Flat, green to reddish-purple-tinged leaves, 3-8 in long
- Leaves wrinkled along blade edge
- Seedhead 4-6 in. long
- Small projection where leaf meets stem has tiny hairs
- Reproduces by seed and vegetatively from underground rhizomes
- Spread by roads, human activities, wind, wildlife
- Native to southern Africa



**Bloom Period** Mar - May

**Habitat** Sandy soils, chaparral, coastal scrub, disturbed sites



**2-Minute Removal** Dig

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