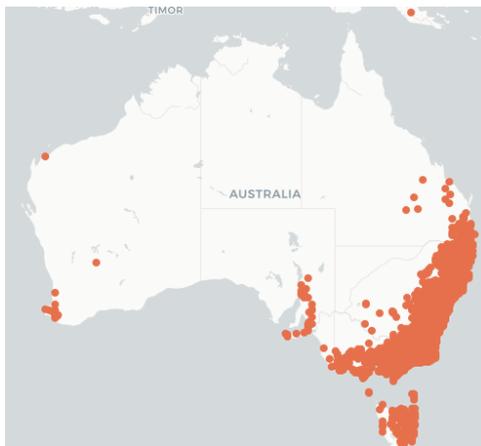
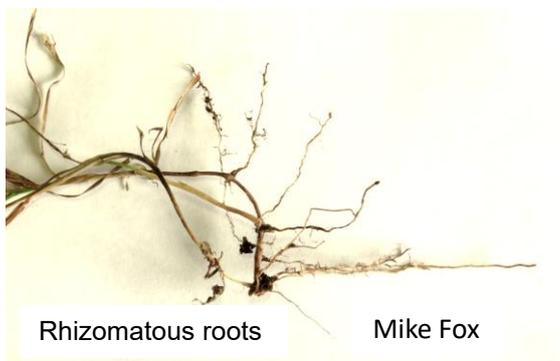


Poaceae

Echinopogon ovatus forest hedgehog grass



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ETYMOLOGY

(ek-i-no-PO-gon) Greek echinos = hedgehog + pogon = beard referring to very rough awns; The species ovatus (o-VAH-tus) from Latin ovate ovum = egg + ata = possessing, Inflorescences, spikelets, or leaf-blades ovate in outline.

LIFEFORM

Grass 15-100cm

STATUS

Widely distributed in SE Australia Fairly common from Tropic of Capricorn south to Tas; All states except NT; Recorded from Margaret River near Nannup, from Lowden WA Mount Gravatt, Qld, NSW, Vic, SA, WA, Tas (NG, NZ)

OCCURS

QLD DISTRICTS

Burnett, Cook, Darling Downs, Leichhardt, Moreton, North/South Kennedy, Port Curtis, Wide Bay

HABITAT

Open forest/Woodland

LEAVES

Blades 1.5-16 cm x 2-8.5 mm, spreading, recurved, linear, lanceolate, surface smooth or scaberulous, hairless (glabrous), margins scaberulous, apex acuminate.

FLOWERS

Panicles, 2.5-4.5 mm, laterally compressed, oblong bristly spike-like, short spikelets & virtually entire lemma apex; **Flowering times** Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan

FRUIT

Grains, 2.5 mm, ellipsoid, flattened apex shortly pilose;

Fruiting times Jan, Feb, March, April, May

LANDSCAPE USES

Attractive plant in landscape, gardens

STEM

Grass leaf-blades spreading or deflexed; Awns 4-15 mm; Stems 3-7 noded;

ROOTS

Rhizomatous

BUTTERFLY

Taractropera papyria White-banded Grass Dart

ID FEATURE

Confused with *Setaria pumila* (weed); Stems bent at base + Leaf-blades spreading or deflexed + Flower bear 5 cm, ovate, dense, awned spikelets stalk 3-7 noded + Spikelets excluding awns 2.5-5 mm;