

Chilean Needle Grass

Nassella neesiana

Chilean needle grass is becoming established as a serious pasture weed in the Yass Valley. It is very invasive and forms dense stands in pastures, bushland and roadsides. It tolerates drought and heavy grazing, giving it great potential to spread and over-run existing vegetation. During the summer large amounts of unpalatable flower stalks are produced, with very little leaf material, resulting in a severe reduction of summer stock carrying capacity.

Chilean needle grass sets seed in early autumn so now is the time for treatment before seed drop.

For more information and advice on identification and control please visit the NSW Department of Primary Industries' WeedWise website at <https://weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/> or contact the YVC Biosecurity Weeds Officer or your local agronomist.

The NSW WeedWise information is also provided as a free smartphone app through the app stores.

