

# WANTED

## Coolatai grass (*Hyparrhenia hirta*)



### Description

Coolatai grass is a long lived summer active perennial that produces short rhizomes that forms a dense grass tussocks and grows to 1.5 m. It has greyish-green leaves that turn orangey-red in winter, particularly after frost. The leaves are harsh to touch. Leaf sheaths are usually hairless and keeled. The leaf blade is flat and 2-3 mm wide with the ligule 2-3 mm long and minutely toothed. The seedhead is a 'false panicle' consisting of paired racemes with 5-8 awns per raceme. The paired racemes are up to 35 mm long and arise from 3-8 cm long flower bracts. Half the flowers are male and therefore sterile.

#### Goal

To reduce the spread and Contain in the Shoalhaven.

### Whereabouts

Last seen South Nowra, Culburra, Myola and Callala Beach. Found on road sides and pasture.

**Website Link** [NSW WeedWise](#)

**Native Look-alike** Barbed wire grass *Cymbopogon refractus* – Difference seed heads look like barbed wire.

