Palm-leaf setaria grass
*Setaria palmifolia*  (Non Restricted Invasive Weed)

Originating from Asia and introduced as an ornamental, Palm-leaf setaria grass can quickly grow into thick infestations, outcompeting native plants and pasture species. It produces many seeds throughout most of the year, and can grow in heavy shade. The leaves are covered in stiff hairs which cause itchiness if they contact the skin.

Palm-leaf setaria grass is an invasive plant which can disrupt native flora communities and ecosystems.

**Description**

A robust tufted perennial grass growing to 1m in height, with broad, tough bright green leaves.

The palm-like leaves have prominent veins running along their length, and are lightly covered in short strong hairs.

The seed heads develop mainly in summer and grow to 2m and produce many small round seeds.

**Management**

Seedlings and smaller plants can be hand pulled, bagged and disposed of at an appropriate waste management facility or composted. Gloves should be worn, as the hairs on the leaves can cause skin irritation.

Control programs should be undertaken prior to the seed heads ripening (in summer).

If you would like further information on weeds look at the A–Z Listing of Weeds at *Queensland Government Website*. 