**Austroderia richardii**

**Scientific Name**

*Austroderia richardii*

**Synonyms**

*Cortaderia richardii* (Endl.) Zotov  
*Arundo australis* A. Rich.  
*Arundo richardii* Endl.  
*Arundo kakaao* Steud.

**Family**

Gramineae (South Australia)  
Poaceae (Queensland, New South Wales, the ACT, Victoria, Tasmania, Western Australia and the Northern Territory)

**Common Names**

cortaderia, New Zealand pampas grass, NZ pampas grass, pampas grass, Richard's pampas grass, South Island toi toi, toe toe, toe-toe, toetoe, toetoe grass, toitoi

**Origin**

Native to the South Island of New Zealand.

**Naturalised Distribution**

A recent introduction to Australia, this species is currently only locally naturalised in western Tasmania.

**Notes**

New Zealand pampas grass (*Cortaderia richardii*) is regarded as an environmental weed in Tasmania, particularly in coastal regions, and as a potential environmental weed in New South Wales, Victoria and South Australia. It is currently confined to the western parts of Tasmania, where it threatens World Heritage areas in the south-western parts of the state.