Weeds of Sweetwater Creek – Recognition and Management

Panic Veldt Grass (Ehrharta erecta) origin South Africa

Description: A perennial grass growing to 80cm. Much finer leafed than Annual Veldt Grass with leaves occurring up the stem. Compact narrow heads of small seeds.



Habit: Invasive and harder to remove because not so recognisable as Annual Veldt Grass. Believed to be spread from bird seed initially, then by seed dispersal from birds and wind, and indiscriminate dumping of garden waste.

Treatment: Where possible, cut off the seed heads and bag before gently digging out rhizomes using weed diggers or a sharp knife.