

**Ehrharta calycina*

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Flowering period: August–October.**Description:** Tufted perennial grass with slender stems up to 60 cm tall. Leaves flat or slightly rolled 20–90 mm long, 2–6 mm wide. Flower spike up to 25 cm long with many slender branched to simple stems that support a number of small, red-bracted flowers. Seed produced in abundance.**Distribution:** Uncommon in near shore areas but can be prevalent in areas of high light with wind protection and open ground areas, though requires fire or physical disturbance to establish. Occurs from Carnarvon to Esperance and usually restricted to sandy substrates.**Control methods:** Can be effectively controlled with a grass-selective herbicide. Manual removal requires intensive follow-up control as the disturbance results in germination from the soil-stored seed bank.**Notes:** A native to South Africa, it is thought that the species was introduced as a possible pasture species; however, the plant cannot sustain repeated grazing. Highly invasive in banksia woodland areas such as Kings Park where invasion has been exacerbated by the use of high-frequency prescribed burning.

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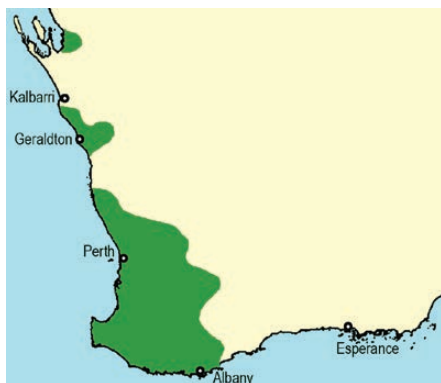
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