Cyperus gunnii subsp. *novae-hollandiae* (Boeckeler) K.L.Wilson

Family:
Cyperaceae

Wilson, K.L. (1991) *Telopea* 4(3): 465. Type: ?.

Stem

Large tufted perrennial sedge with triquetrous to trigonous culms which are clothed in glossy brown sheaths at the base.

Leaves

Leaves up to 7 mm wide with dense marginal prickles.

Flowers

Inflorescence with 5-12 primary branches up to 12 cm long. Spikelets ca. 10 in spicate to subdigitate, ca. loose, hemispherical to globose clusters of 1.2-3 cm diam.; spikelets 1-1.5 mm wide, 4-24 -flowered; rachilla narrowly winged; glume spacing 1.5-2 mm. Glumes straw coloured to red-brown, 2.1-2.7 mm long and 0.5-0.6 mm wide, slightly keeled.

Fruit

Nut grey to brown, 1.6-2.0 mm long, ca. as long as glume, 0.3-0.4 mm diam., apex long-acute to acuminate.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in NEQ, CEQ and to south eastern Queensland. Altitudinal range from near sea level to 500 m. Grows in pools in rainforest and more commonly in coastal Melaleuca swamplands.

Synonyms

Mariscus gunnii var. novae-hollandiae (Boeckeler) Domin, *Bibliotheca Botanica* 20(85): 443(1914). **Cyperus novae-hollandiae Boeckeler**, *Linnaea* 36: 344(1870), Type: Novae Hollandiae.

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