

Microlaena Stipoides

Weeping grass, Rice grass, Weeping rice grass.



Perennial **C3** grass,
30 cm to 75 cm high.

Responds to rainfall at
any time of year.

Palatable with good
protein content.

Re-enters a well
managed grassland
under logs, shrubs and
along fence lines.

Once the grassland has
some structure from
diverse grasses and
forbs, *Microlaena* will
spread across a
paddock, in most soil
types.



Microlaena emerging through a layer of litter.

Identification

It is worth noting that *Microlaena* can vary from paddock to paddock, so differences across regions can be significant.

Leaves: soft and weeping, slightly yellow-green appearance. Tip is very often pinched 1 or 2 cm from the end.

Seed heads weep, with the seeds being easily "milked".

Seeds are long and thin with two awns.

