

NOTICE BOARD



Make a date with spring!

Spring is just around the corner with some fantastic gardening events lined up all around the country. Here are some diary dates so you can plan ahead for spring 2014's major events. For more information go to www.gogardening.co.nz

Sept 13-Sept 14

NZ Edible Garden Show,
Hawke's Bay
www.nzediblegarden.co.nz

Nov 8-9

Jassy Dean Garden Safari,
Waiheke Island.
www.jassydeantrust.co.nz

Oct 31-Nov 9

Powerco **Taranaki**
Garden Spectacular
www.gardenfestnz.co.nz

Nov 17-20

NZ Garden and Art Festival,
Bay of Plenty.

Oct 31-Nov 9

Taranaki Fringe Garden festival
www.taranakigardens.co.nz

Nov 29

Great Barrier Island
Spectacular by Nature
Garden Tour
www.thebarrier.co.nz

Nov 6-9

Hunters Garden **Marlborough**
www.gardenmarlborough.co.nz

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WEEDBUSTERS

SPOT THE IMPOSTER!

Common pampas (*Cortaderia selloana*) an invasive weed from South America, is often mistaken for NZ native toetoe. The most obvious difference between the two is that toetoe grows from the base of the plant at ground level, whereas pampas builds up a base that can rise up to a metre above the ground, with dead leaf bases that spiral like wood shavings.

Common pampas and its cousin, purple pampas (*Cortaderia jubata*) are also known as cutty grass. Both produce copious seed that travels long distances by wind. Pampas is often the first species to colonise disturbed sites, growing so densely that no native species can establish. It also provides habitats for possums and rats. Check out www.weedbusters.org.nz for more information, including how to control this weed.

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