

# Barbed Wire Grass

*Cymbopogon refractus*  
sim-bo-PO-gon ray-FRAK-tus



Category:  
Grasses/Strappy  
Height: 1 metre  
Spread: 0.5 metre



Full sun



Drought tolerant



Adaptable



Bird attracting

**A clump-forming perennial warm season grass. It is most notable for its seed heads which look like barbed-wire, hence the name.**

It is widespread on poor or low nutrient soils but also grows in a wide range of soil textures from sands to clays. It is sometimes found in drier inland locations on lighter soils and stony slopes and along the edge of watercourses. It does not survive continual grazing.

**HOT TIP:** When the foliage is crushed it emits a light lemon aroma.