Paspalum

1 - Racemes usually 2, plants creeping 2
1 - Racemes usually ⩾3, plants tufted 3
2 - Blades to 8mm wide, broader than top of sheath, near freshwater
P. paspalodes - Mercer grass (wet pastures, swamps)

2 - Blades to 4mm wide, narrower than top of sheath, near salt water
P. distichum (mud flats, seepages)

3 - Spikelets glabrous (lens), tufts to 90cm
P. orbiculare - scrobic (damp pasture, drains)

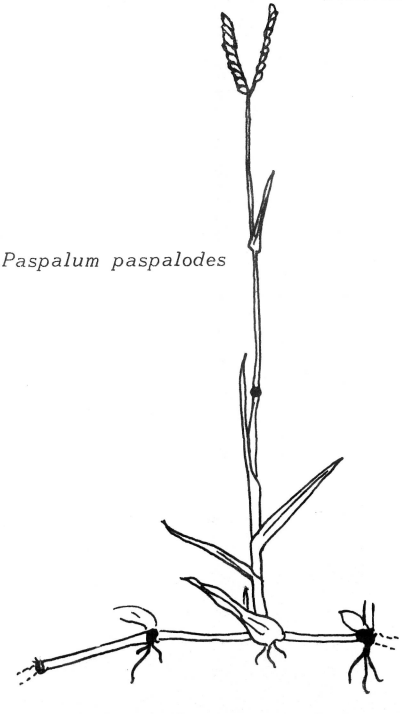
3 - Spikelets hairy (lens), tufts often ⩾90cm 4
4 - Racemes usually 3-7, spikelets sparsely hairy, tufts to 175cm
P. dilatatum - paspalum (pastures, lawns &c)

4 - Racemes usually 10-20, spikelets densely hairy, tufts to 250cm
P. urvillei - Vasey grass (roadsides, clearings)

Paspalum dilatatum



Paspalum paspalodes



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