

Cream Lea®

Pennisetum alopecuroides

NATIVE GRASSES

An Australian Native with beautiful cream flower heads.

- Cream Lea® *Pennisetum* produces beautiful cream to white flowers contrasting with its tall lime green foliage.
- It is friendly to native bushland and is excellent for attracting native birds.
- Will tolerate a variety of soils and climates, foliage will brown off in winter frost, greening again in spring.

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| Description | Showy, clumping perennial |
| Density | 2-5 plants per m ² 1-2 per linear metre |
| Height & Width | 60cm - 1m x 60cm - 1m (Flowers to 1.5m) |
| Flowering | Cream flower heads from February–May |
| Best Planting Time | March–October |
| Uses | Mass or accent plantings for borders, rockeries and low maintenance gardens |
| Position | Full sun to part shade Frost tolerant |
| Soil Type | Sandy to light clay soils |
| Care | Water as required for 8–13 weeks until established; trim 1/3 the size annually in May–August or as required; remove spent flower heads as required, dispose of correctly if in a warmer climate or wet area; mulch well; use slow release fertiliser in late winter |
| Where it Works | NSW, ACT, QLD, VIC, SA, WA & TAS |



Pennisetum alopecuroides *Pennisetum setaceum*

NOTE: Do not get this native Australian *Pennisetum alopecuroides* confused with the invasive African variety (*P. setaceum*). The native Australian varieties have a much wider plume than the exotic variety, and are non-invasive making them a safer choice. In ideal conditions this variety has the possibility to regenerate from seed (e.g. Northern NSW/QLD in warm/wet winters, wet areas and excessively irrigated gardens). It is not an invasive weed, however if you experience these conditions and prefer to avoid regeneration, remove spent flower heads as required and dispose of correctly.

