

Indigenous Plants for Ballarat Gardens



Poa lab or Common Tussock Grass

Poa labillardieri

FAST FACTS

Grass

Family:	Poaceae
	Grass
Size:	1m H x 70cm W
Position:	Full sun to shade
Soil:	Well drained
Flowers:	Spring – Summer
Fruits:	Grass seeds
Care:	Prune

An Australian native plant from the Ballarat area, **Poa lab or Common Tussock Grass** (*Poa labillardieri*) is a clumping grass that grows up to 1m high and 70cm wide.

Location: Tussock Grass can be planted in full sun or shade and several will look good along the edge of a garden bed. It will also look good as a feature in a garden bed amongst other plants.

Leaves: Fine, long and fairly tough.

Flowers: Tussock Grass flowers in spring and summer, though the flowers are fairly inconspicuous.

Planting: It is quite tough and will grow well in your garden if planted in a hole not much larger than the pot within a few days of purchase.

Give it a good ½ bucket of water as soon as you plant it and it should be fine after that.

Care: Prune in late summer or autumn – take off about ⅓ of the height of the plant. It will bounce back with lovely fresh growth within a few weeks.

Attracts: Tussock Grass is a food source for the larvae of several species of local butterfly, including Skippers, Xenicas and Browns. It is extremely rare for the larvae to mortally damage the plant.