

## Plant of the Month — December 2016

### *Amphipogon laguroides* subsp. *havelii* T.Macfarlane



*Amphipogon laguroides* subsp. *havelii* is an erect, perennial grass that grows in dense tufts to 35 cm high. It can be recognised by its distinctive purple coloured awns, which are 20–30 mm long. Occurring on dry lateritic soils, this subspecies has a restricted distribution between Great Eastern Hwy near Sawyers Valley south to Christmas Tree Well on Brookton Hwy. It can be found flowering from November to December and, although the purple coloured inflorescences are unique, they're extremely difficult to spot amongst the surrounding vegetation.

The south-west botanical province of Western Australia contains approximately 140 native grass species, many of which are perennial. *Amphipogon laguroides* subsp. *havelii* is one of the showier species in the [Poaceae](#) family.

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