

***Spinifex hirsutus***  
**Commonly: Hairy Spinifex**  
**Vascular Plant Family: Poaceae**  
Flowers Spring and summer

*Spinifex hirsutus* is a perennial grass with separate male and female plants. The plants are tufted with creeping stems. It occurs on beach dunes and is important in soil stabilisation.



Leaves are flat with the blade up to 30cm long and 1.5cm wide, usually densely hairy on both the upper and lower surface.

The male inflorescence is hemispherical up to 7cm in diameter.



The male spikelet is solitary up to 1cm long. The anthers are exserted, as the pollen is wind distributed.

The female inflorescence is round, up to 25cm in diameter with numerous, widely spreading spikes. When mature the head often breaks loose and rolls before the wind.



The curled up stigmas of 2 flowers are visible in this photograph.

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