

**NORTH AFRICAN GRASS (*VENTENATA DUBIA*)**  
BC EDRR CANDIDATE SPECIES



**REPORT PROHIBITED WEEDS**



Report-A-Weed: [www.reportaweedbc.ca](http://www.reportaweedbc.ca)



1-888-WEEDSBC

[WEED ALERT](#)

[STATUS UPDATE](#)

[RISK ASSESSMENT](#)

**PRIMARY THREAT:** *Decreases forage and increases risk of fire.*

**DESCRIPTION:** Winter annual grass. Most easily identified May-June by reddish-black nodes and unusually long ligules (1-8mm). At maturity, the slim, erect culms grow 10-45 cm tall and appear smooth; leaves in-rolled and narrow; open inflorescence with twisted, bent awns.

**BIOLOGY & SPREAD:** Reproduces by seed; 15-35 seeds/plant; seeds remain viable for 1-2 years. Seed dispersed by livestock, farm equipment, vehicles and contaminated hay and grass seed mixtures. If cut or grazed, plant can re-produce inflorescence in the same growing year.

**HABITAT:** Disturbed open areas such as rangelands, hay fields, roadsides, rail lines, and riparian corridors; most common below 1800m.

**HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?**



*LATE SUMMER INFLORESCENCE (ABOVE)*

DAVE SKINNER



*DIAGNOSTIC  
REDDISH-  
BLACK NODES  
& LONG  
LIGULES (LEFT)*

USDA NRCS PULLMAN PLANT MATERIALS CENTER



**B.C. NORTH  
AFRICAN GRASS  
DISTRIBUTION,  
JAN 2013.**