

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

JOINTED GOATGRASS

(*Aegilops cylindrica*)

HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

DESCRIPTION

- Winter annual grass with numerous stems branching at base; grows 40-60cm tall.
- Alternate leaves with hairs evenly spaced along leaf margin.
- Narrow, cylindrical seed head with alternately arranged spikelets.
- Shallow, fibrous roots.
- Reproduces by seed; is spread mainly as a contaminant in cereal crops, particularly winter wheat.
- Also spread by farm machinery, straw and in agricultural field runoff.
- Introductions to BC will likely be associated with grain transport pathways (rail lines, or range expansion from infested areas in Washington, Idaho and Montana).



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REPORT PROHIBITED SPECIES

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PRIMARY THREAT: Losses in winter wheat crop yield and quality; potential trade implications.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- REPORT sightings.
- SELECT non-invasive plants for your garden.



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DISTRIBUTION IN BC

Jointed goatgrass is under federal jurisdiction with no known establishment in BC.



For more information: www.for.gov.bc.ca/hra/Plants/prohibited.htm