

INVASIVE SPECIES ALERT!

NORTH AFRICA GRASS

(*Ventenata dubia*)



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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS PLANT?

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 10-45cm tall and appear smooth.
- Leaves in-rolled and narrow.
- Open inflorescence with twisted, bent awns.
- 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 year.
- Grows in disturbed open areas such as rangelands, hay fields, roadsides, rail lines, and riparian corridors.
- Most common below 1,800m elevation.

REPORT PROHIBITED SPECIES

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PRIMARY THREAT: Decreases forage and increases risk of fire.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- REPORT sightings.
- SELECT non-invasive plants for your garden.
- Check all seed labels.



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DISTRIBUTION IN BC

Confirmed only in the Metro Vancouver region. New introductions will likely be associated with commercial grass seed mixtures imported across the BC border.



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