

Name

Poa trivialis

Rough meadowgrass



Habitat/Range

This is a widespread grass of hedge bottoms, open woodlands, dampish neutral grasslands waste ground and arable field edges. It can also be found along verges and banks of watercourses as well as in marshes and around ponds. It is generally a lowland species but can be found up to 1,065 m in Scotland. Although a common native it is also widely distributed through its inclusion in seed mixes.

Identification A loosely tufted and stoloniferous perennial grass with erect culms up to 100 cm tall, the sheaths are usually rough to the touch. Leaves are hairless and pleated with a keeled tip; ligules are noticeably long (4 -10 mm) and pointed, in contrast with smooth meadowgrass. The quite large panicles are erect to slightly nodding with clusters of delicate spreading branches and fine spikelets.



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