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Poa annua

Annual meadowgrass



Habitat/Range A widespread grass of open areas, growing in a wide range of disturbed and man-made situations, as well as naturally stressed habitats, from 0 to 1,210 m elevation. It can be common in worn or over-grazed neutral grasslands, amenity areas, sports fields, arable fields, road and path edges and wall tops. Perennial variants occur in mountains and on coasts; it is also a frequent garden weed throughout Britain.

Identification This is a short tufted annual grass, generally a bright light green with panicles often almost white in appearance. The sheaths are compressed and the whole plant is hairless, leaves generally have hooded tips and often crinkled edges. The ligules are 2-5 mm long and membranous. Panicles are triangular in outline with mainly paired branches; the pale spikelets are oblong and readily break up on maturity.



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