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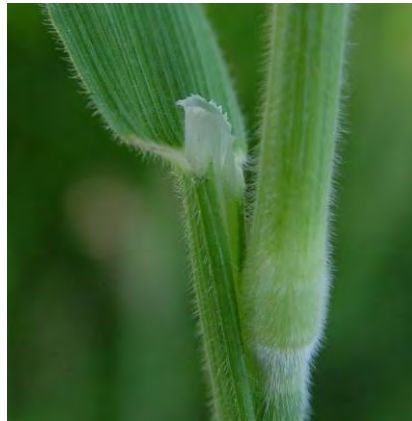
Holcus lanatus

Yorkshire Fog



Habitat/Range A common perennial grass found in a wide range of grassland habitats throughout the British Isles, forming a significant element of acid grassland, neutral grassland and calcareous grassland and found in improved, semi-improved and unimproved swards. It does very well in damp conditions and tolerates moderate mowing and grazing.

Identification Although tufted, this grass forms dense swards where conditions allow, usually producing a distinctive light greyish-green cover. The whole plant is softly hairy and there are often pink tinges on the pale flowerheads as well as pink to reddish stripes at the base of the culms. The panicles can look very different when first forming to when they are fully opened and their appearance again changes once the seeds have ripened, so familiarity with all stages is advisable. This species lacks the long down-pointing hairs found on the nodes of the closely related creeping soft-grass.



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