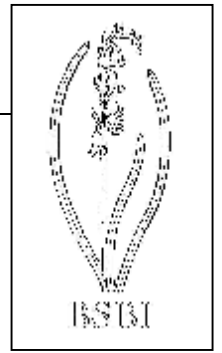


Plant Crib



PHLEUM PHLEOIDES

A useful quick field identification feature to quickly pick out the East Anglian *P. phleoides* (L.) H. Karst. in the field from *P. pratense* and *P. bertolonii* is to bend the heads. *Phleum phleoides* heads crack into regular segments due to the way the heads are constructed, whilst the heads of the other species bend (B. Nicholls, pers. comm. 1997). The florets provide confirmatory characters in that the glumes are obtuse and shortly awned in *P. phleoides*, and truncate and shortly awned in the others. *Phleum phleoides* is a Red Data Book species; full details of all populations should be recorded.