

KEY
CHARACTERISTICS

growth

Cool-season bunch grass, grows up to 90 cm tall. Generally short-lived (2 to 3 years).

spikelet

Spikelets generally 2 ranked and laterally compressed, narrow edge facing into axis, sessile, 10-15 mm. Glume 1, on outside edge of spikelet, higher than lower floret, 3-9 viens, less than length of rest of spikelet, 5-10 mm, linear lanceolate; Florets 5-20, bisexual, breaking above glume & between florets. Lemmas 5-7 mm, awnless.

Inflorescence

Inflorescence 12-30cm, spike-like (ST panicle like, branches spikelike, spreading).

stems

Stems ascending to erect, 50-80 cm generally glabrous, bases purplish; short rhizomes.

leaves

Leaf blade 4-25 cm, 2-5 mm wide. Ligule 1-3 mm



flower color

Elevation: Ecotypes Invaded:
Approx. 3000-5000 feet Desertlands, riparian, woodlands & forests.

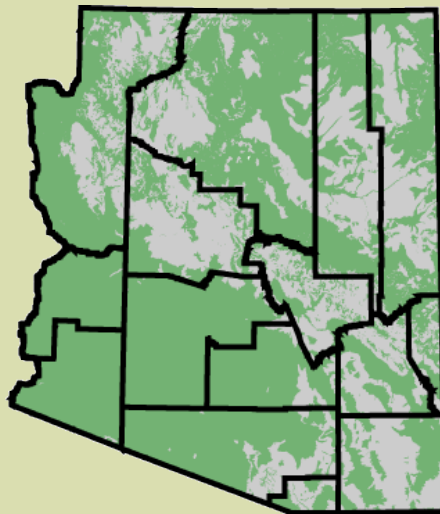
ECOLOGY & DISTRIBUTION

Commonly found on disturbed sites, abandoned fields and lawns. Perennial ryegrass is adapted to a wide range of soil types and drainage conditions and can grow successfully on earth structures such as dams and dikes, in grass waterways, and in flood channels.



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SUITABLE HABITAT



Suitable habitat based on the Arizona Wildlands Invasive Plant Working Group (AZ-WIPWG) assessment. Green = suitable habitat; White = unsuitable habitat; Gray = unknown. Based on Brown, Lowe & Pase (1980) vegetation communities.

