

Ticklegrass

(*agrostis scabra*)



Native Grass

Ticklegrass, (hair grass, rough hair grass) named for its characteristic to tickle your bare legs as you walk through it. It is found from near sea level to the sub alpine and has been collected at 2000 m in Alberta

Growth Habit

Ticklegrass is a perennial, tufted bunchgrass, 30 to 70 cm in height. It forms small dense tufts. **Ticklegrass** ranges from Alaska to Newfoundland and to all but the Southeastern states.

Adaptation

Ticklegrass is found on dry open slopes and alluvial flats. It is also found on moist ground in meadows, open woods and abandoned fields. **Ticklegrass** will establish on disturbed sites and will tolerate low ph as well as acidic soils. Generally found in sunny locations.

Reclamation Uses

Provides excellent cover to prevent surface erosion. Hair grass is a common pioneer of abandoned fields throughout the prairies. It has been found growing on soils with total Cu and Ni contents up to 450 ppm and 500 ppm respectively. **Ticklegrass** has been reported as a pioneer on a relatively dry white spruce area near Norman Wells, N.W.T.

Quick Facts

Growth Habit	Salt Tolerance	Soil Type	Drought Tolerance	Winter Hardiness
Tufted Bunchgrass	Low	Fine to coarse	Medium	Excellent