

Weed Alert!

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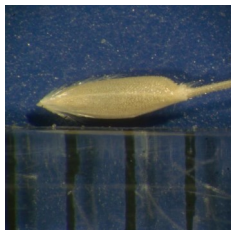
(*Nassella tenuissima*)

Mature Size Knee



Description

- 1-3 ft. tall tufted, perennial bunchgrass with slender upright leaves
- Clusters of seedheads are 4-12 in. long, falling loosely open
- Each branch in a seedhead cluster bears only one seed
- Individual seeds are elongated and tipped with a very long stiff bristle
- Leaf blades are mostly hairless and very thin with pointed tips
- Stems also mostly hairless and leaves tufted around base of the plant
- Reproduces by seed
- Spread by horticulture, wind, animals, equipment
- Thought to be native to the southeastern USA, Mexico, and southern South America



Bloom Period Jun - Aug

Habitat Grassland, open woodland, roadsides, disturbed sites

2-Minute Removal Pull



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