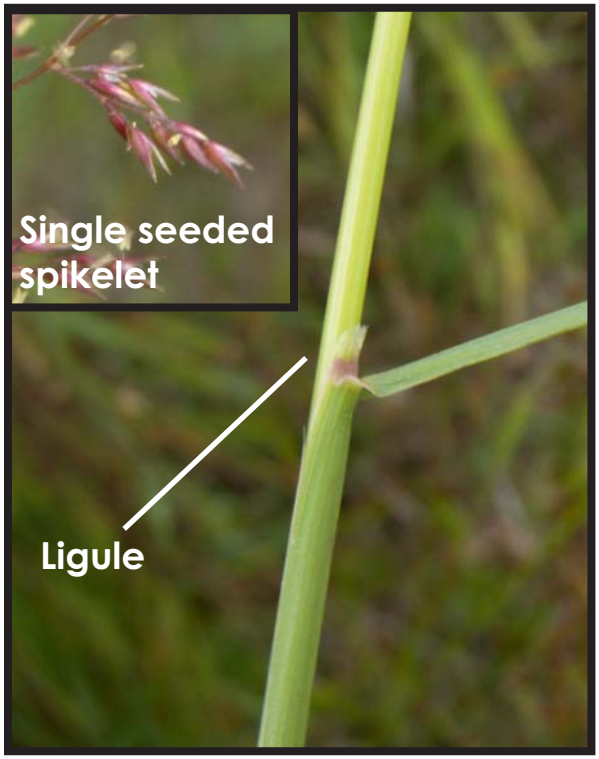
Redtop
Agrostis gigantea

Minnesota C-Value: 0
Wetland Indicator Status: FACW
Non-native



Leaves: Long, 3-7 mm wide. Rough to the touch. Ligule 2.6-6 mm tall.

Stems: Smooth and straight. May be curved at the base. Up to 2 ft tall.

Flowers and fruit: Widely spreading open panicle 10-20 cm long. Seeds on thread-like branches generally have a maroon tint, may be more green in the shade. Single flowered spikelet.

Plant communities: Wet meadows, wet prairies, stream edges, ditches.

Comments: Perennial from Europe, mostly naturalized in the United States. May be confused with fowl bluegrass (*Poa palustris*) which has a similar ligule and panicle. Fowl bluegrass has a 2-4 flowered spikelet, fewer spikelets grouped along the main flower stem, and a tuft of cobweb-like hairs at the base of each floret. Leaves of fowl bluegrass are narrower and greener.