

# Giant manna grass

*Glyceria grandis*

Minnesota C-Value: 6

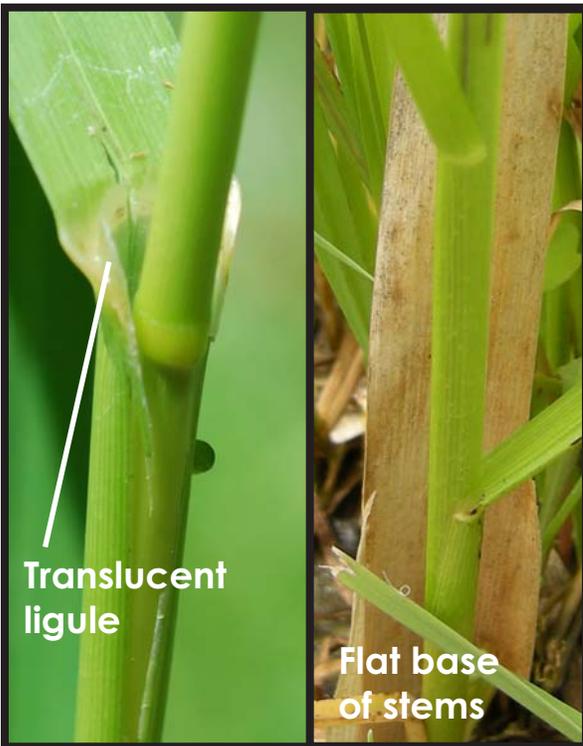
Wetland Indicator Status: OBL

Native



Panicle  
early season

Panicle  
late season



Translucent  
ligule

Flat base  
of stems

**Leaves:** Flat, smooth, 25-43 cm long, 8-12 mm wide. Lemmas are distinctly 7 ribbed and are usually purple. Translucent ligule, 3-6 mm long. Sheath compressed and keeled.

**Stems:** 0.5 - 1.5 m tall, 8-12 mm wide. Erect, flattened at base.

**Flowers and fruit:** Large open branching panicle 20-40 cm long, 12-20 cm wide. Spikelets somewhat laterally compressed. Oval to elliptic in side view. Each spikelet contains 5-9 flowers. Spikelets 2-2.5 mm wide and 4-7 mm long.

**Plant communities:** Shallow and deep marshes, wet meadows, bogs, shallow water.

**Comments:** Perennial grass, also known as reed or tall manna grass. Distinguished from other *Glyceria* spp. by its greater height, ribbed lemmas and size of spikelet. The stems and leaves are also typically wider.