

Foxtail barley

Hordeum jubatum

Minnesota C-Value: 0
Wetland Indicator Status: FAC+
Native



Leaves: Greyish-green, flat, 2-5 in. long, 2-5 mm wide, soft hairs on margin. Ligule < 1 mm long. Lacks auricles.

Stems: Erect, up to 1m tall. Bluish-green, often with swollen nodes.

Flowers and fruit: Erect to nodding panicle, 2-5 in. long, with long, wispy purplish-green awns. Single flowered spikelets.

Plant communities: Disturbed areas, wet meadows, ditches, shores, can tolerate brackish conditions.

Comments: Perennial grass, quick to colonize disturbed areas. Also called 'squirrel-tail grass.'