

- **Life cycle:** Annual
- **Root:** Fibrous
- **Leaves:** Light green and hairy, upper leaf sheaths may be smooth, but lower sheaths are hairy. Each leaf has a membranous ligule where it separates from the stem.
- **Stems:** 4 to 30 inches tall, slender and erect, slightly hairy.
- **Flower:** Light green and inconspicuous, occur in a nodding, open inflorescence. Color changes from green to reddish-purple to brown as plant matures.
- **Seed/Fruit:** $\frac{3}{8}$ inch long seed, with an awn $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 inch long extending from tip.

Integrated Management Options



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